



Sow for yourselves
righteousness,
reap the fruit
of unfailing
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV



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Serving St. Paul Church

2011 Church Council (meets 2nd Tue)

(Transacts routine business of the church)

Dr. Jeff Paul..... 2nd yr. President
Lisa Davidson..... 2nd yr. Vice President
Debra Lear2nd yr. Recording Secretary
Jill Borkowski..... 1st yr. Treasurer
Lori Likens Sr. Elder
Gary Wehmeyer Jr. Elder
Larry Kuhn..... 3rd yr., Sr. Trustee
Greg Maurer 2nd yr. Trustee
Brian Schemmel 1st yr. Trustee
Brice Schmitmeyer ... 2nd yr. Deacon/Head Deacon
Deb Gibson 2nd year Deacon
Greg Paul 2nd year Deacon
Joyce Topp..... 2nd year Deacon
Michelle Voress 2nd year Deacon
Dana Blanchard..... 1st year Deacon
Dana Bornhorst 1st year Deacon
Phyllis Fledderjohann 1st year Deacon
Amy Scheer 1st year Deacon
Don Scheer 1st year Deacon
Brenda Siefiring..... 1st year Deacon
Brian Tostrick 1st year Deacon
Kayla Lear Youth Representative
TBA Bd. of Christian Ed. Representative

Board of Christian Education (meets 3rd Tue)

(Administers affairs of Sunday Church School)

Shelly Smart..... Sunday School Supt., Chairman
Rev. Becky Erb Strang..... Pastor
Brook Schmitmeyer Asst. Sunday School Supt.
Katie Jackson Director of Youth Ministries
Gary Wehmeyer Jr. Elder
Sally Dicke..... Secretary
Shelley Dicke..... Treasurer
Leslie Hirschfeld Adult Rep.
Diane Paul Teacher Rep.
Kim Waterman..... Teacher Rep.

Sunday School

Shelly Smart..... Superintendent
Brook Schmitmeyer Asst. Superintendent

Pastoral Relations Committee

Tom Thieman Chairman
Jan Fiser
Amy Barhorst

Membership Committee

(Promotes/ encourages membership and participation in St. Paul activities; church publicity; confirmation reunion)

Tom Braun Cindy Newman
Dennis Dicke Bev Poppe
Darlene Gilberg Rev. Becky Erb Strang
John Gilberg Sandy Thieman (Chr)
Cathy Maurer John Voress
Dick Watcke

Stewardship Board

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Dave Kramer..... 3rd year
Vicki Brackman 3rd year
Sally Dicke 2nd year-Chair
Linda Hainline 2nd year
Ann Kuhn 1st year
Sally Wissman 1st year

Mission Team

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Flo Bushman Bev Poppe
Sharon Fiely Amy Scheer
John & Joyce Gilberg Jean Schroer
Ann Hudson Jenn Snider
Larry & Ann Kuhn Gary Wehmeyer
Dot Ouwerkerk

Worship Committee (meets bi-monthly)

(Plans/schedules content of worship services)

Lori Likens Sr. Elder, Chairman
Rev. Becky Erb Strang Pastor
Dick Hudson Organist
Jack Hansbrough..... Adult & Bell Choir Director
Brice Schmitmeyer..... Head Deacon

Budget Committee (meets in Aug)

(Prepares church budget for following year)

Dr. Jeff Paul Church Council President
Lisa Davidson Church Council Vice President
Debra Lear Church Council Secretary
Jill Borkowski Church Council Treasurer
Lori Likens Church Council Sr. Elder
Larry Kuhn Church Council Sr. Trustee
Sally Dicke Chairman, Stewardship Board

Board of Controls (meets Mar-Jun-Oct)

(Administers St. Paul Memorial Fund)

Dr. Jeff Paul Church Council President
Lisa Davidson Church Council Vice President
Larry Kuhn Church Council Sr. Trustee
John Wierwille..... 3rd year
Terry Wissman..... 2nd year
John Voress..... 1st year

Staff

Rev. Becky Erb Strang Pastor
Katie Jackson Director of Youth Ministries
Dot Koepfer..... Church Office Secretary
Ann Hoelscher Lay Minister of Visitation
Dick Hudson Organist
Jack Hansbrough..... Adult & Bell Choir Director
June Kinsella Junior Choir Director
Connie O'Neill..... Saturday Night Choir Director
Stephanie Dicke..... Director of Christian Education
Janet Eilerman..... Financial Secretary
Tom Braun Bookkeeper
Betty Hatfield Educational Building Custodian
Greg Hainline Sanctuary Custodian
Ralph Plattner Groundskeeper
Kathy Topp Beacon/Web Page Editor



FROM OUR PASTOR

September 11, 2001: Do you remember where you were when you first heard the news? What were you doing? What were the first thoughts to go through your mind?

The attacks of September 11 changed the landscape of our country. In those early days we were filled with shock and fear. And, in those early days, communities came together in ways they previously had not. Friends, neighbors and even strangers hugged and cried together. People flocked to churches to pray and simply to BE together.

This September 11 marks the tenth anniversary of that terrible day. Like we did a decade ago, we are going to come together as a community in worship to remember, reflect and pray.

At St. Paul UCC, September 11 is also Homecoming Sunday. Spirit Safari Club begins. The chancel choir will return to worship. Confirmation and youth groups begin. Following worship that Sunday, there will be refreshments throughout the sanctuary to promote fellowship, conversation, and sharing.

If you have been away from St. Paul Church for a summer or a year (or even a decade), you are warmly invited to worship on September 11. God is still speaking in our congregation—in the laughter of our children, in the songs of our youth, in the passion of our mission team, in the diligence of our council, and in hundreds of other ways.

Blessings, Becky

FALL BOOK STUDY: LOVE WINS by Rob Bell

Instead of a traditional Bible study this fall, we will be studying in depth Rob Bell's newest work, Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived. Beginning on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m., we will meet in the Library for 8 weeks. There will be three copies of the book in the Library for you to borrow. Also, if you would like to purchase a copy, you can get one at the church office for \$15. Questions? See Pastor Becky

PASTOR BECKY IS ON FACEBOOK!

Yet another way to reach Becky is via Facebook. Simply put in a "friend request" and she will include you in this growing ministry.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Plan to bring your supplies, your Bible, and the name of your mentor to class that evening. Please contact Pastor Becky if you have any questions.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

If St. Paul UCC has become your spiritual home, you are invited to consider taking the step of membership. A new member orientation session will be held on Sunday, October 16, in the Assembly Room from 11:30 to 12:30 following worship.

Members will be received during worship on Sunday, October 23.

Please contact Sandy Thieman, membership chair, or Pastor Becky if you have any questions.

CALLED TO CARE

The Called to Care Team will meet on Tuesday, September 6, in the Library at 7:00 p.m. In order to touch base with everyone as we move into the fall and winter seasons, members of both Called to Care AND members of Circle of Friends are invited to attend this session. Questions? Contact Pastor Becky

PRAYER CHAIN GATHERING

The Prayer Chain is a growing ministry of intercessory prayer. 98% of the members of the Prayer Chain get their prayer requests via email. However, if you do not have email, you are still invited to participate! We gather together twice a year for Bible study and prayer. Our next gathering is Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Please contact Pastor Becky if you would like to join the Prayer Chain.

WINDOW PROJECT UPDATE

The Educational Building window project is progressing well with all windows installed and painting of the trim underway. Financing of the project is still needed. The total cost of the windows is \$60,000. Additionally, approximately \$10,000 is needed for blinds and window treatments for the entire building. Therefore, the total cost of the project is \$70,000. We do plan on using \$17,500 from the St. Paul Memorial Fund, we are asking for \$17,500 from the New Bremen Foundation and the remaining \$35,000 from our members. At this time, the amount of contributions from our members is \$15,293. To reach our goal, we still need \$20,000 from our members. Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause. Thank you!

Jeff Paul



Mission

CROSSROAD—SEPTEMBER MISSION

For nearly 128 years Crossroad in Ft. Wayne has been making a difference in young lives with the help of churches and individuals like St. Paul, New Bremen. Together with others, we create promising futures for these young people—whatever it takes! Our outcomes show that we can and do make a difference.

Emotional, physical and sexual abuse towards boys and girls of all ages is not going away. Some children have emotional issues without full understanding of the cause. Counseling and regular, consistent care does, though, impact positively on the children being served.

Perhaps you or a church group you belong to would like to tour Crossroad. You will find it a place that provides a haven of love, faith, understanding and hope.

We at St. Paul have a special place in ensuring that this continues. Our goal is to raise \$850 for the “Summer Olympics” that took place on August 12-13. This project was designated in advance of the official September mission designation because of the August date of the event. Will you help?

Do you wish to know more about this fabulous day? Just ask these fellow church members who gave of their time, energy and talents to help make the “Summer Olympics” so very special for these Crossroad children. Taking part in the day from St. Paul were Dee, Jessica, Tricia and Cindy Schroer; Shelly, Eric and Tyler Smart; John & Joyce Gilberg; Tom & Sandy Thieman. Hats off to these generous volunteers!

The Mission Team

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP PLANNED

On September 17, Linda Topp, Phyllis Fledderjohann and I will be leaving for Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. We will be there for a week doing construction work.

At this time Back Bay is in need of men’s small pants up to 36” waist, men’s t-shirts, men’s socks, non-perishable food items—especially those which do not require a can opener or heat—for those living under the bridges or in the woods. Of course, they can always use cash or gift card donations.

If you would like to be a part of this mission, please give your donations to Linda, Phyllis or me before September 17.

Amy Scheer

THANKOFFERING

Each day on the evening news we see pictures of children in Africa who are extremely ill due to malnutrition. Of course, their need for food is

immediate. However, in addition to helping them now, a longer range program such as Heifer International will make a difference in the future. Animals such as heifers, goats, rabbits, chickens and bees provide much needed food and some income for needy people in foreign countries and the USA.

Agape, located in St. Marys, receives half of the money from our Thankoffering boxes. As we know, there are people right here in Auglaize County who are in need of help to provide food for their children.

If your family has been blessed this summer with a memorable vacation, a good time at a family reunion, or fun at an outdoor barbeque, let’s remember to thank God by using our Thankoffering boxes. On the weekend before Thanksgiving, these Thankoffering boxes will be collected at the doors upon your arrival.

By supporting these two very worthwhile causes we can make a difference so that children in our world are no longer hungry.

Alice Hegemier

HOLY JOE’S CAFÉ Coffee for our Troops

Holy Joe’s Café originated from the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, CT. On Pentecost Sunday 2006, based on a simple goal to collect and ship coffee, thus assisting our military chaplains in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait with their Coffee House Ministry, what began as a coffee drive with the church’s family gained momentum through the Holy Spirit and grew into a national donation effort.

Our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait find themselves in difficult and life-threatening situations. This exacts an extreme physical, emotional and psychological toll on them. The chaplains are a first line of defense against the issues faced by our troops. Through Holy Joe’s Café ministry, the support that is offered to them is so effective and well received that the outreach program has grown to assist over 120 chaplains by providing almost 23 million cups of coffee to US troops with 224,000 pounds (112 tons) of donated coffee.

Would you like to be a part of this ministry? Learn more by visiting <http://www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project/holy-joes-cafe.html>

The Mission Team

SATURDAY WORSHIP ACCOMPANISTS—SEPT

Sep 3	Sharon Chaney
Sep 10	Bev Plattner
Sep 17	Sharon Chaney
Sep 24	Edith Wissman

News & Events

WANT TO HELP?

The Busy Twelve has taken on a new project. We are now making lap robes in addition to our baby quilts. We are in need of people interested in sewing, cutting squares, tie tacking and numerous other sewing activities. If you are interested, please contact Edith Wissman at 419-629-2513. In addition to serving our own church people, we serve many charitable organizations.

Thank you and hope to hear from you.

Edith Wissman



RINGING RESUMES

The St. Paul Handbell Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Mania Room of the Educational Building. All are

invited, whether you are experienced ringers or those who have never run bells before. Join us for music and fellowship! Please contact Jack Hansbrough at 419-394-3556 for information.



ADULT CHOIR

Do you find yourself singing in the shower? Or maybe in the car on the way to work or the store? Now's the time to put all your enthusiasm to

work—let's make music together! Join the St. Paul Adult Choir as we rehearse this fall. No prior experience is necessary; just a desire to sing and have fun. Drop in on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. See you there!

SENIOR/RETIREE LUNCHEON

As the summer comes to an end, the chefs are beginning the menu preparation for the Senior Lunch Program. This is a program of fellowship and food for all seniors and retirees and their friends. There is no cost to those attending but donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of the food. Meals are served the third Thursday of each month at 12 noon. If you have not been a part of this program, maybe this is the month you give it a try. The faces are always friendly and the fellowship is genuine—there is always room at the table for more! Call the church office with your reservations so that we can be sure to prepare enough food for everyone (419-629-2502). Hope to see you on **Sept. 15th.**

Senior Luncheon Committee

LIBRARY NEWS

We have recently received a collection of novels by Nicholas Sparks. So come visit your church library and "spark" your fall reading!

Jan Holcomb & Sue Maxson

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners meets in the Library the 3rd Monday of each month for one hour at 1:00 p.m. We encourage each person to read the book to be discussed, but it is not necessary. The discussion is open to anyone who is interested.

September 19

"Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott

Written in 1868 and considered a classic since that time, the story is about the March family (Mother "Marmee" and daughters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy) during the time of the Civil War.

October 17

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

Henrietta Lacks (1920-1951) was an African-American woman who was the unwitting source of cells from her cancerous tumor. These cells were cultured to create what became an immortal cell line for medical research known as the HeLa cell line. They have provided the science community with untold discoveries. The author follows this scientific story along with another story of Henrietta's background and family – black, poor, growing up in rural Maryland and Virginia.

Sue Maxson

AUGLAIZE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING OFFERING HELP WITH HEAP

Would you like a credit on your heating bill? HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) can help. If your yearly gross income is at or below \$21,780 for a single person or \$29,420 for a couple, you qualify for a credit. This is an annual program provided by the State of Ohio. Applications are accepted from August 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. For everyone in the household, you need to provide proof of income (W2s, bank statements showing direct deposits or pay stubs). For the primary applicant, you will need to provide a birth certificate or proof of citizenship, current heating bill and current electric bill. Without this documentation the application cannot be processed.

You can call the Auglaize County Council on Aging in St. Marys at 419-394-8252 and ask for Trena or Michelle to make an appointment. Starting on September 7, 2011, there will also be a walk-in clinic every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Wapakoneta satellite office (28 E. Auglaize St., back entrance off parking lot) with either Trena or Michelle. Sandy (Activities Director) will also be able to process applications on Mondays and Fridays after 1:00 p.m. by appointment only. To make an appointment at the Wapakoneta satellite office call 419-738-2438.

Meetings

SATELLITE B

"Biblical Parallels," a DVD by Lucy Janjigian, will be the basis for a Bible study to be conducted by Alice Hegemier in the Theater Room of the Educational Building at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Please bring your Bibles. Barb Nedderman will be serving as hostess for the meeting.

Alice Hegemier

Spirit Safari

Spirit Safari will kick off on September 11! We will start off learning the Messiah Jesse Tree. Learn how to create a weaving in Bedouin Encampment. Cook up "Buche de Noel" to help remember the story of Jesse. Explore the map that shows the borders of the nations of Israel and Judah. Look at the roots in the rain forest to see how important they are and how they can be a symbolic connection to the Jesse Tree. Come Join the fun. See you Sunday, September 11 at 9 a.m.

Stephanie Dicke, Dir. Christian Education

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Change of address:

Audrey (Micheal) Thobe, 3377 Shanverton Dr., New Bremen, OH 45869-9662

Brandi Schwable, P. O. Box 192, New Knoxville, OH 45871-0192

Michael & Monica Bushman, 325 Amsterdam Rd, Minster, OH 45865-9765

Adam Bushman, 325 Amsterdam Rd, Minster, OH 45865-9765

Betty Bushman, 327 Amsterdam Rd, Minster, OH 45865-9765

Curtis Goodwin, 4171 Westridge Dr., Mason, OH 45040-4703

Merlin & Eldine Blumhorst, St. Marys Living Center, 1209 Indiana Avenue, St. Marys, Oh 45885-1310

CHURCH RECORD BOOK

Marriages:

Mitch Eilerman and Kristy Allen were united in marriage in a church ceremony on August 6, 2011.

Called home:

Shirley A. Schaefer, died June 26, 2011, at the age of 72 years. A memorial service was held on June 29, 2011, and interment took place at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

Margaret A. Meckstroth, died June 26, 2011, at the age of 93 years. A memorial service was held on June 30, 2011, and burial took place at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

Beatrice C. Young, died July 23, 2011, at the age of 95 years. A memorial service was held on August 13, 2011. Interment will be in the Graceland Cemetery, Sidney, OH.

Susan L. Warner, died August 9, 2011, at the age of 52 years. A memorial service was held on August 28, 2011, with interment following at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

BIRTH CANDLE ON THE ALTAR

Welcome:

Kennedy Layne Trego was born to Bryan & Jodi (Steinbrunner) Trego on July 6, 2011.

Adalyn Elizabeth Barlage was born to Jeffery & Katy Barlage on July 17, 2011.

Thank yous

Thank you to everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers on the passing of our wife, mother and grandmother, Shirley Schaefer. A special thank you to Rev. Becky for all of her support and to everyone involved with the funeral and luncheon. All of your support has been very appreciated during this difficult time.

The family of Shirley Schaefer

We would like to thank the Circle of Friends for the cards sent to Margaret over the past years. Thanks to Becky for her visits and comforting words at the funeral. Also thanks to the Funeral Luncheon Committee and friends that donated food. The support of St. Paul Church has been a blessing during this difficult period.

The family of Margaret Meckstroth

The family of Bea Young would like to express their heartfelt thank you to all of the people who worked so hard to make our mother's memorial such a wonderful tribute to her life. A special thanks to Rev. Strang for delivering such a beautiful service. Also, many thanks to the St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee and everyone who donated food for such a delicious meal and the opportunity for fellowship with friends and relatives. Our mother would have been so grateful for everyone's efforts.

The family of Bea Young

Thank you to all for your cards and visits during the many weeks that I was in the hospital. Thank you, too, to Pastor Becky for her visits, prayers and comforting words. To those who remembered us with cards on our anniversary and Peg's birthday, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ken & Peg Henschen

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sep 4

East Jay & Jenn Snider
North Mary Campbell & Dorothy Feltman
South Shirley & Sherri Tontrup

Sep 11

East Larry & Ann Kuhn
North Bev Fark & Marcus Glynn
South Tom & Joyce Holdren

Sep 18

East Edith Wissman & Mim Donnerberg
North James & Diane Gilberg family
South Jeffrey & Lindsay Quellhorst

Sep 25

East Bill & Cindy Young
North Tony & Cresta Ritter
South David & Kelli Muether



Pastoral Care is very important. Unfortunately, local health care facilities are not always able to notify us in a timely manner when your loved one is sick. Please call the church office when you or a family member or friend enter a hospital or care facility so the pastor and church friends can be supportive.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

ELMWOOD ASSISTED LIVING

711 S. Walnut St., New Bremen, OH 45869

Dale Fledderjohn
Dolores Fledderjohn
Wilbert Gruebmeier
Charles Hay
Cal Slattery
Barbara Schmidt
Jean Waterman

HERITAGE MANOR

24 N. Hamilton St., Minster, OH 45865

Don Dicke
Thomas Goodwin
Doris Howe

THE GARDENS-CELINA

1301 Myers Rd, Celina, OH 45822

Ethel Sudman

THE GARDENS-WAPAKONETA

505 Walnut St., Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER-VALLEY

1140 S. Knoxville Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Charles Waesch

ST. MARYS LIVING CENTER

1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Merlin & Eldine Blumhorst
Marcella Thomas
Rose Marie Wehmeyer

OTTERBEIN-ST. MARYS

11300 Circle Dr., St. Marys, OH 45885

Dorothy Dammeyer
Harry Ingram (11310 Bobwhite Lane)
Betty Kettler (Room 326)
Alma Kuest (11104 Circle Dr.)
Forrest Nedderman (Room 311)
Laverta Scheer
Annabel Wagner (Room 410)
June Wiehe

BRIARWOOD MANOR

100 Don Desch Dr., Coldwater, OH 45828

William (Bill) Jackson

FAIR HAVEN

2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, OH 45365-9574

Martha Mouk

Happy Birthday

These people have the special day of their birth this month. May God bless all of you birthday people on your special day.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ava Huber, Ben Strang
- 3 Dick Hudson, Betty Kettler, Emily Willrath
- 4 William Jackson, Michelle Mescher
James Reineke, Lauren Wolters,
Leanne Wolters
- 5 Leah Gilberg
- 6 Brenna Shonk
- 7 Levi Clem, Natasha Fogt, Casey Hammond,
Lowell Quellhorst
- 8 Sophia Fox, Myra Hanenkraat, Claire Jarvis,
LeAnn Topp
- 9 Rexford Fogt, Thomas Goodwin,
Danielle Sudman
- 10 Kendall Hubbard, Bart Maurer, Jacob Rindler
- 11 Kathy Tontrup
- 12 Ethel Mesloh, Vernon Paul, Charlotte Schwabero
- 13 Alivia Dammeyer, Amelia Dammeyer,
Donna Schmitmeyer
- 14 Dan Dicke, Allison Franklin
- 15 Brian Alig, Betty Dietrich, Ian Grieve,
Brittany Kuhn, James Moore, Jeffrey Trego,
Gary Wiedeman
- 16 Donald Kettler, Rylee Nelson
- 17 Sue Belton, Kathryn Cochrane, Dean Egbert,
Ryan Nelson, Doug Schaefer, Shaun Voress
- 19 Robert Blake, Jordan Gilberg, Lauren Hohler,
Sara Beth Jarvis, Brian McCullough
- 20 Kevin Goodwin, Betty Hatfield, Joel Miller,
Steve Tostrick
- 21 Justin Blumhorst, Allie Bornhorst,
Judy Dammeyer, Robert Dietrich, Ann Kuhn,
Jennifer Schemmel, Brook Schmitmeyer,
Alyssa Thieman
- 22 Griffin Greber, Mary Mohrman, Diana Schroer
- 23 Beverly Poppe
- 25 Melvin Fledderjohann, Nolan Fox, Jerry Koeper
- 26 Darlene Altman, Travis Elsass,
Michael Jacoby, Tracy Jacoby, Jayne Knost
- 27 Tony Holdren, Teresa Leshner, Sydney Nelson
- 28 Jerry Bambauer, Alec Fox, Kenneth Henschen,
Linda Holdren, Matthew Hudson,
Brian Quellhorst
- 29 Taylor Haynes, Jeff Meckstroth, Brad Waterman
- 30 Don Dicke, Beth Heidt, Barbara Koeper

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May God bless these anniversary couples on their special day

Sep 1	Daniel & Leeann Sherman
Sep 2	Bryan & Janelle Callahan
Sep 3	Don & Michelle Smart
Sep 4	Wilbur & Enola Greber
Sep 4	Michael & Angela Hosterman
Sep 4	Edward & Melissa Smith
Sep 5	Casey & Lyndsay Hammond
Sep 7	Lloyd & Janice Schroer
Sep 8	Michael & Monica Bushman
Sep 8	David & Debra Hirschfeld
Sep 9	Robert & Diane Paul
Sep 9	David & Kelli Muether
Sep 13	Don & Lois Dicke
Sep 13	Wade & Johanna Schroer
Sep 14	Terry & Sally Wissman
Sep 15	Robert & Betty Dietrich
Sep 17	Lowell & Betty Quellhorst
Sep 17	Norman & Donna Jacoby
Sep 18	Joseph & Nicole Dicke
Sep 21	Todd & Mari Thieman
Sep 24	Melvin & Phyllis Fledderjohann
Sep 24	Gary & Donna Schmitmeyer
Sep 24	Lester & Ruth Topp
Sep 26	Howard & Kendra Bonifas
Sep 26	Robert & Janet Eilerman
Sep 28	Mark & Belinda Hudson
Sep 29	Aaron & Carla Thobe

This 'n That

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I

would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

AMAZING FACTS ABOUT OUR AWESOME GOD!

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days;
- the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

-Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

-Each orange has an even number of segments.

-Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

-Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

-Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

-All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold - all even numbers.

-God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence.

Only the God-planned safe life is successful. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is fulfilled.

The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

AIN'T

He was just a little boy,
On a week's first day.
Wandering home from Bible school,
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;
He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod
And blew out all the 'filler.'

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,
So wisely placed up high.
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zigzag course
And hailed him from the lawn;
Then he asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

"I've been to Bible school,"
He said and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,
'I've learned a lot about God.'

"M'm, very fine way," the neighbor said,
"for a boy to spend his time.
If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God ain't."

MEMORIAL GIFTS DEDICATED

Oil-filled altar and candelabra candles were dedicated on Sunday, August 7, 2011, in memory of Leon and Floribel Wehmeyer. We are grateful for these memorial gifts that have glorified the name of our Lord and facilitated the work of the church as we remember the faithfulness of Leon and Floribel.

DID YOU KNOW?

•Karl & Ethel Mesloh celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 14. Congratulations, Karl & Ethel.

•Altar flowers were placed in honor of the 56th wedding anniversary of Jack & B. J. Hansbrough on Sunday, August 21. Congratulations to Jack & BJ.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The stones in the patio area outside the church office have been reset with a ledge added to help keep the soil from the landscape beds from washing out. Many of the stones were sunken from the equipment that had been used during the brick resealing project in 2009. Thank you to Jack, Darlene and Jacob Gilberg for seeing what needs to be done and doing it. It looks great!




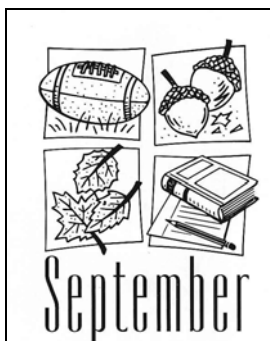
Jacob & Darlene Gilberg reset patio stones



Completed patio area with ledge

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						5:00 Worship w/Holy Communion
4	Labor Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
10:15 Worship Service w/Holy Communion		11:30 Busy Twelve 7:00 Called to Care	3:00 JYFS 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Jr. Hi Youth 7:00 Bell choir 8:00 Chancel choir	1:00 Satellite B		5:00 Worship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Spirit Safari Club 10:15 Worship Service (Homecoming Sunday)		4:00 New Bremen Ministerium 7:00 Church Council	3:00 JYFS 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Jr. Hi Youth 7:00 Bell choir 8:00 Chancel choir	12:00 noon Senior Luncheon 7:00 Prayer Chain		5:00 Worship
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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SPECIAL DATES:

Sep 7– Confirmation classes begin

Sep 11– Spirit Safari Club begins new year

Sep 11– Homecoming Sunday

Sep 24– Pumpkinfest pancake breakfast, 7:00 a.m. – Crown pavilion

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Paul with 12 people present: Jeff Paul, Lisa Davidson, Amy Scheer, Phyllis Fledderjohann, Jill Borkowski, Lori Likens, Gary Wehmeyer, Don Scheer, Larry Kuhn, Greg Paul, Tom Braun, and Katie Jackson. Jill Borkowski provided the meditation. (Rev. Strang was absent due to a death in the family).

Secretary's Report: Jill Borkowski made a motion to accept the secretary's report as written. Gary Wehmeyer seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun reported that total income for June was \$17,966. Year-to-date income is up by about \$9,000. Expenses were \$18,500.70. Deficit for the month was \$534.37 but year-to-date there is a surplus of \$11,330.42. Larry Kuhn made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Phyllis Fledderjohann seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Tom Braun reported that the committee met and there was a discussion about the confirmation reunion.

Mission: Amy Scheer reported that the August mission will be school backpacks; September will be Crossroad. Crossroad has asked for volunteers to work a carnival August 12 & 13. Crop Walk is in the planning stages and trying to generate enthusiasm among all the local churches.

Worship: The committee hasn't met since last month.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: No report.

Deacons: Discussion took place about the speakers that have not been working properly the last two weeks. A suggestion was made to keep instructions with the equipment and to get rid of any equipment that should not be used. Perhaps we should check around with other churches to gain information about speaker systems that work well and to learn names for possible future sales/service/repair.

Elders: Nothing to report at this time.

Trustees: Larry Kuhn reported that he transported the beef to NuVizion. Prior to his arrival with the beef, they had only enough food for about two more meals, so it was a real blessing that the donation came at this time.

Installation of the new windows in the Educational Building has begun.

Amy Scheer asked Larry about issues brought up at last month's meeting: no news on memorial trees; Jim Strang has been working on repairing the parsonage fence; the spouting has been cleaned; Larry will show Amy where the switch box is for the kitchen outlets; Ralph Plattner edged the walks and they look great;

the water fountain seems fine; still checking on trimming trees; lamp post being checked on.

Amy also reported that Jack and Darlene Gilberg and sons have been working hard on the patio area and it's looking fantastic.

Amy also requested that the lights in auditorium be replaced and that the south side spotlight outside needs checked.

Phyllis Fledderjohann asked about the blacktop area between the curb and the sidewalk where weeds grow. Larry will check with the town to see if that is something the town will take care of or if it is the church's responsibility.

Rev. Strang's Report:

•Worship:

>Faith testimony: Cindy Newman, July 16 and 17; Barb Rhinehart, August 13 and 14; Kristi and Roger Voisard, September 10 and 11.

>Christmas in July: July 16 and 17.

>Hymn Sing Saturday/Sunday: July 30 and 31.

>Recognition of college graduates: August 14.

>Blessing of backpacks: August 21.

>Homecoming Sunday: September 11.

>Rev. Randall Rider, CEO of Crossroad Home for Children will preach September 17 and 18.

>Rev. Bob Molsberry, Ohio Conference Minister, will preach October 1 and 2.

•Lay Minister of Visitation: Ann Hoelscher is doing very well with visits.

•An anonymous donor offered to pay for a person to help with additional visitation at 10 hours per week at \$15/hour to assist the Strang family through a health crisis. It is now not an issue. I will send a thank you note to the donor.

•Visitations blitz: Coordinated by me, but unnecessary now. Will write letters thanking the volunteers.

•Called to Care: Meeting on September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

•Summer Lunch Program

•Pastor porch parties: July 31; August 7 & 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

•Pew pack volunteers: Please sign up in church office. We have a volunteer for the month of July.

•Continuing education: Israel and Egypt, January 15-30, 2012. Ben Strang will attend also.

•Upcoming time away: July 21-28; the weekend of September 23-24 (Parents weekend/Miami University); possible few days around Thanksgiving; December 26-January 1, family vacation.

•Pastoral Care: June 14 - July 12, 2011

Funerals: 3

Hospital Visits: 28

Home Visits: 2

Office Visits: 6

Nursing Home Visits: 11

Notes Written: 10

Phone Calls: 10

Katie Jackson's Report:

•The canoe trip went well. Eleven kids went. Katie will try to plan for next May.

•Ichthus Music Festival went well. Fifteen kids and 5 adults attended. Bad weather forced them to come back a day early.

Vacation Bible school will take place the week of July 11. Eleven of our teens will be helping and 135 children from New Bremen churches are expected to attend.

•Matt Zirkle's Bible study for high school & college students has had very low attendance, unfortunately. Hopefully that will pick up.

•Confirmation camp will be July 17-23. Nine students are attending.

•Summer Heat, the concert to raise money for El Salvador, will take place August 13. Six student bands are scheduled to perform. Also, there is the possibility that a student-oriented trip to El Salvador is planned for next June.

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: Amy Scheer suggested adding new storm windows for the stained glass in the sanctuary. Since this will likely be very expensive, possibly it could be a project of the year in the future.

Electronic format for Beacon: No update

Project of the Year update: A discussion was held regarding window treatments. Jill Borkowski took information about light control needs, etc. that will be desired from the window treatments and will bring ideas, pricing and samples to the next council meeting

Youth Ministry Architect Consultants: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing education seminar for Katie: Katie requested to attend a three day youth ministry "think tank" in Colorado on Sept. 12-14, 2011. The church would only have to pay for transportation, and Katie estimated a plane ticket to be around \$330. Larry Kuhn made a motion to approve; Lori Likens seconded and the motion carried. The suggestion was made to include Youth Ministry Continuing Education in the budget next year.

Increase in hours for Lay Minister of Visitation (increase to 6 hours): Because of the increased amount of visitations needed, Becky has asked Ann Hoelscher to work six hours per week instead of three hours per week, and she agreed. The extra hours will be paid from the General Fund; the initial hours are paid from the Kuck Memorial Fund. Amy made a motion to approve; Greg Paul seconded and the motion carried. Lori mentioned that Called to Care could be a back-up solution to handle some visits with volunteers during especially heavy times.

Ground penetrating radar for old gravesites: A member of the congregation is willing to pay for a new technology that will find old gravesites in the baseball field across the street and make a map of their locations. This would be used for informational purposes only, and be available in the future if any decision making would benefit from the knowledge. Lori Likens made a motion to accept the proposal; Phyllis Fledderjohann seconded and the motion carried.

Crown tree donation for the lot at corner of Franklin and Second: We have received a letter from Crown offering to donate trees to be planted in the lot at the corner of 2nd & Franklin Sts. Phyllis Fledderjohann made a motion to accept the offer; Jill Borkowski seconded and the motion carried. The trees are to be planted in the fall.

Dick Strang memorial: A discussion took place regarding a memorial for Dick Strang. It was decided to wait to speak with Becky before making any decisions.

Pew rack volunteers: An issue discussed last month was re-visited as it was brought up that stocking/cleaning pew racks had traditionally been part of the sanctuary custodian's duties. Jeff will check the job description and discuss it at contract renewal time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Ann Kuhn for the church recognition of her retirement and the donation to the Humane Society.

Next meeting: August 9, 2011.

August meditation: Phyllis Fledderjohann.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Kuhn made a motion to adjourn; Lori Likens seconded and the meeting concluded with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

Lisa Davidson, Secretary Pro-Tem

Jeff Paul, President

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
August 16, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Paul with 14 members present including Lisa Davidson, Amy Scheer, Jill Borkowski, Brice Schmitmeyer, Kayla Lear, Debra Lear, Greg Paul, Katie Jackson, Lori Likens, Brian Tostrick, Pastor Becky Erb Strang, Don Scheer, as well as Tom Braun. Amy Scheer provided the meditation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July meeting will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun presented the treasurer's report noting that for the month ending July, 2011, there was a surplus of \$5,069.72. Our surplus year-to-date is \$16,400.14. Tom reported that \$15,293 has been collected so far for the window project; \$2200 for local aid; \$802 for school supplies; and \$603 for West Ohio Food Bank. Brian Tostrick moved to accept the treasurer's report as written and Brice Schmitmeyer seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: The committee has met and is currently getting ready for Homecoming Sunday on September 11. It was noted that refreshments will be served again after the worship service in the sanctuary.

Mission: Amy Scheer reported that the Backpack project will end on August 21. It was noted that there is still a need for pew rack volunteers. Individuals can sign up to volunteer on a sheet outside the office door.

Worship: There is a meeting scheduled for August 25th.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: No report at this time.

Deacons: Brice Schmitmeyer informed the council that the deacons felt the August communion service in the chapel went well. Because it was in the chapel, they were not able to video tape this service. It was also noted that the lectern speaker system in the sanctuary is not working properly. Brice will investigate how to improve the sound.

Elders: Lori Likens reported that everything is going well.

Trustees: Rev. Strang reported on behalf of the trustees and stated that the light fixtures need replaced in the Serendipity Room. Four fixtures are required at \$80.00/ea. The floor in the Serendipity Room is being cleaned and waxed and the individuals who are doing the work have been asked by Larry Kuhn to give us a quote for the auditorium floor.

Rev. Strang's Report:

- Worship:
 - >Faith testimony: Barb Rhinehart August 13 and 14; Kristi and Roger Voisard on September 10 and 11.
 - >Recognition of college graduates: August 14.
 - >Blessing of the backpacks: August 21.
 - >Homecoming Sunday will be September 11.
 - >Rev. Randall Rider, CEO of Crossroad Home for Children will preach September 17 and 18.
 - >Rev. Bob Molsberry, Ohio Conference Minister, will preach October 1 and 2.

- Lay Minister of Visitation: Ann Hoelscher is doing a fabulous job.

- Called to Care: September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

- Summer lunch program: went very well.

- Final porch party: August 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- Confirmation organizational meeting: August 28 at 11:30 a.m. Classes begin September 7. Teaching team includes Katie Jackson, Barb Rinehart, Kim Hemmelgarn, Lisa Weigandt, Jeff Paul, Dee Schroer, and Dana Blanchard.

- Book study: Love Wins by Rob Bell, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from September 22 thru November 10.

- Prayer chain event: September 17 at 7:00 p.m.

- Pew rack volunteers: Please sign up in church office. We have volunteers through September.

- I have been elected to serve on the Ohio Conference Board of Directors through 2014. Meetings will take place quarterly.

- Continuing Education: Israel and Egypt, January 15-30, 2012. Ben Strang will attend also.

- Upcoming time away: the weekend of September 23-24 (Parents weekend/Miami University); possibly a few days around Thanksgiving; December 26 –January 1, family vacation

- Pastoral Care: July 12-August 16

Wedding: 1

Hospital Visits: 11

Home Visits: 2

Office Visits: 2

Nursing Home Visits: 4

Notes Written: 10

Phone Calls: 5

Nursing Home Worship: 3

Katie Jackson's Report:

- Past events:

- >Confirmation camp: 8 St. Paul students went and ALL had a wonderful time!

- >Next Step Bible study: We had our last session on Sunday. It was not as well attended as we had hoped but each talk was great. Thanks Matt!

>Auglaize County Fair: Flight Risk, a band which features 2 members of our church and 2 students who have participated in some of our events, had the chance to play at the fair on July 31st. The kids put on a good show and sounded great.

>Leaders' meeting: We discussed our fall calendar. This year's kickoff event for JH and HS will be some sort of scavenger hunt around town.

>Summer Heat Show: The show went well. We raised about \$450 for El Salvador. Thank you to all those who came and helped and also those who donated cookies!

•Upcoming events:

- >Katie's Colorado trip: September 10-15th.
- >Pumpkin Pancake sale and chair auction: September 24th.
- >See you at the Pole community-wide prayer event: September 28th.
- >CROP Walk: October 9th.
- >First JYFS: August 31st.
- >First JH: September 7th.
- >First HS: September 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: New lighting to produce better light in the auditorium.

Project of the Year update: Jill Borkowski shared information on the window blinds. Amy Scheer moved to accept the price quote from Gilberg Furniture for window blinds at a price of \$8,000 for 30 blinds for the entire Educational Building. Motion passed.

Youth Ministry Architect Consultants: It was discussed and decided not to pursue this process at this time.

Dick Strang memorial: Rev. Strang shared her idea of having a free concert for the community in memory of Dick Strang who so loved music. This will be discussed for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Begin nomination process for 2012 council positions: It was suggested for the council members whose terms will end at the end of this year, to start thinking about replacements.

Change of communion dates: Change 12/31/2011 and 1/1/2012 to 1/7/2012 and 1/8/2012; change 4/1/2012 to Maundy Thursday and Easter. Brian Tostrick moved to accept the changes, seconded by Lori Likens. Motion passed.

New computers for church offices: It was reported that Dot and Katie need to have their computers replaced. Jim Strang offered a quote of approximately \$1,300 to replace both of them. It was moved by Brice Schmitmeyer to not exceed \$1500 for the purchase of 2 desktop computers. Seconded by Lori Likens. Motion passed.

Professional waxing of floors in Serendipity classroom: This has been tabled till next council meeting.

A request to have bodily ash remains spread on church grounds: Lisa Davidson moved to accept a request to have bodily ash remains spread on the church grounds; seconded by Jill Borkowski. Motion passed.

Lighting in Serendipity classroom: Kayla Lear moved that the council pay for the lighting update in the Serendipity classroom. Katie Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Worship in chapel: Jeff Paul suggested having worship services in the Chapel during the months of July and August to reduce the confusion. This subject will be brought to the worship committee to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting: September 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
- September meditation: Lori Likens

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Paul adjourned the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

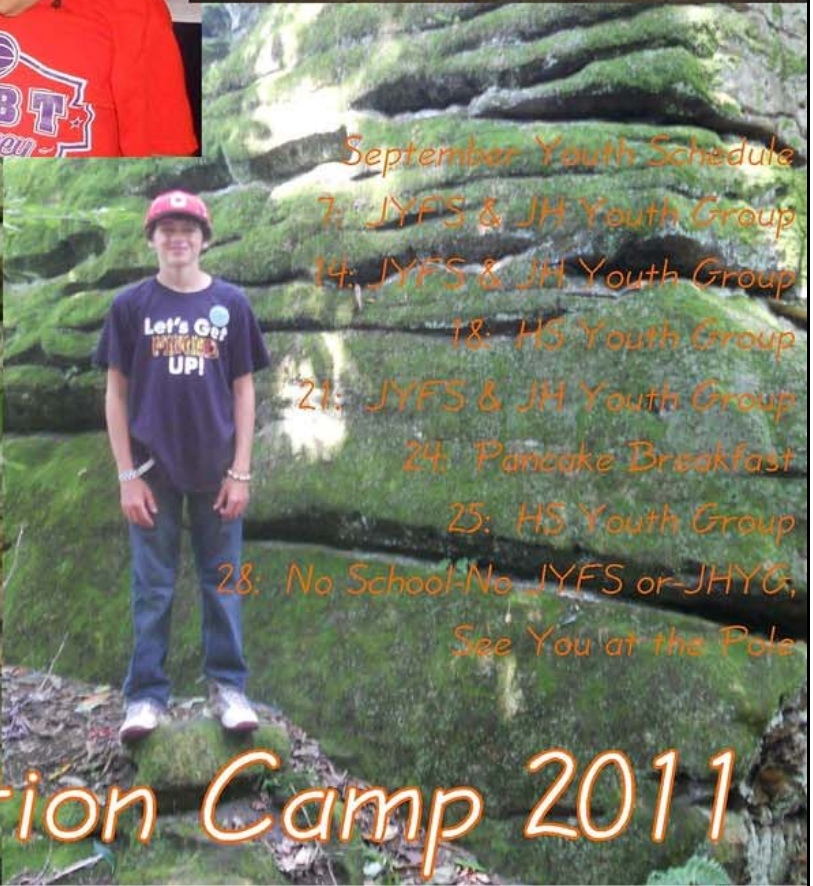
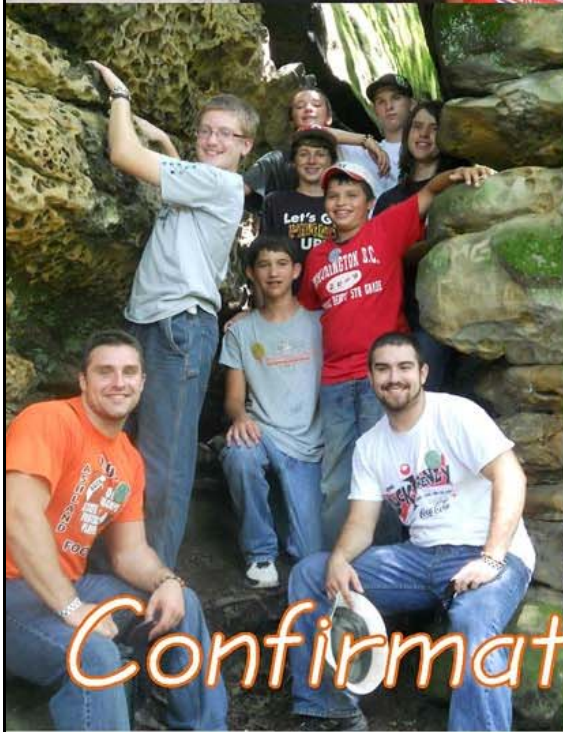
Deb Lear, Secretary

Jeff Paul, 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.

Item	Guesstimated cost
New flooring in auditorium	\$8000
New lighting for auditorium	?
Refinishing pews and woodwork in sanctuary	\$5000
Additional playground equipment	\$2500
Defibrillator	?
Fellowship area & handicapped accessible restroom at rear of sanctuary	?
Inflatable video screen & DVD player	?
Storm windows for the stained glass windows of the sanctuary	?



September Youth Schedule
 7: JYFS & JH Youth Group
 14: JYFS & JH Youth Group
 18: HS Youth Group
 21: JYFS & JH Youth Group
 24: Pancake Breakfast
 25: HS Youth Group
 28: No School-No JYFS or JHYG,
 See You at the Pole

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2011



Educational Building—original 1951 windows



Educational Building—new windows, August 2011