



THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL

September 2021



What's Happening

“Welcome Back Home”

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 12TH

Our new church year begins with Rally Day. Please plan on joining us for worship. All groups and organizations that meet within the walls of St. Paul have been invited to join us on Sept. 12th. Introductions of all will be made. Tours of the Early Learning Center will take place so that everyone can see the updates and changes. Some games will be played, and lunch will be served.



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Worship Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



News and Updates Council News

The next Council meeting is Monday, September 27th, at 6:30 PM.

We have new members in the Church Council. We have many things going on in the church at this time. We are always striving to make St. Paul a place you can definitely call YOUR church HOME. If you find that you have questions or concerns in a particular area of the building or within a committee, please be sure to talk with the chairman of the committee with your question or concern. Here is the list of all members of the Church Council.

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The Council is still in need of a Secretary. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please contact Judith or the office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The council members will continue to update and revise the Operations Manual. With those changes could possibly lead to an update for the Church Bylaws and also the Constitution.

The next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 10, 2021. As soon as the proposed changes are complete, copies will be made available to all members so that everyone can review prior to the meeting. The Council will keep you updated on their progress over the next few months.

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-UCC-North-College-Hill-OH-116458329993166>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for St. Paul. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team

OCTOBER
EPISTLE
DEADLINE



The Epistle deadline for the October edition is Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2021. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners are continuing as CARRY OUT only.
Tuesday's 5:00-6:30 PM

It will be carry out for awhile until we are allowed to have bigger groups of people indoors. Stay tuned for updates.



SCOUTING NEWS

The Cubbies will be holding the sign up night during September. We are hoping to gain some additional cubbies for the program.

The Troop is meeting regularly and scheduling outings again and being very careful with Covid still in the mix. The boys are currently working on their Family Life Merit Badge with Pastor Joan.

The Venture Crew went to the Newport Aquarium and had a great time looking at all the beautiful sea animals.

The Scouts are still selling Meat Jerky sticks. If you are interested, there are order sheets on the kiosk table in the Narthex.



**A PASTORAL LETTER REGARDING WORSHIP & COMMUNITY
PRACTICE FROM THE
HEARTLAND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE**
August 24, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we write to you the longed-for horizon marking the end of COVID continues to feel distant. As you know, the Delta variant is causing a daily rise in reported cases and our hospitals are again being stretched to their maximum capacity to care for those who are ill. The weariness continues as we wonder, "How long will this go on?" Of course, there are no easy answers to this question. There are some simple and important strategies, however, that continue to show promise as ways to shorten Delta's deadly detour away from full recovery.

In some ways these practices are nothing new, but we felt it would be helpful to name them again as the Delta variant demands ongoing intentionality of practice to mitigate Delta's deadly impact. We remind you of them here:

Doctors widely urge that all who can get vaccinated should get vaccinated. This has been shown to significantly lower the impact of the Delta variant. Those without vaccination are at a much higher risk of COVID contraction and death. While those who have been vaccinated may still get the Delta variant, its impact is lessened, and death is much less likely.

Wearing masks for indoor gatherings continues to be an important practice to mitigate the spread of COVID. Wearing masks outdoors is also recommended when socializing with people outside of your immediate bubble (household) if social distancing of at least 6 feet is not consistently maintained.

Six feet of physical distance is still the ideal when groups gather in-person who are not part of your regular daily social bubble.

Regular hand washing (for at least 20 seconds) and not touching one's mouth, eyes or nose is an important practice to prevent the virus from entering one's body.

We recognize that each congregation has unique circumstances when it comes to sanctuary size and how the Delta variant of COVID is moving through any given community. This means that local discernment will continue to be a vital part of your congregation's considerations regarding practice of in-person gathering.

Please know that we understand and feel the weariness which this long season has created. Also know that **each of our settings has made the decision that fall gatherings of the Associations and the Conference will all be virtual** (including the Conference Annual Gathering, previous announced as in-person or online). While such decisions are never easy to make, we feel they are in the best interest of the health and care of all concerned. Also know that we hold you in our prayers and are glad to offer support in worship leadership or for conversation as that may be helpful.

Blessings on you!

The Heartland Conference Leadership Roundtable Members: David Long-Higgins (Transitional Conference Minister), Daniel Busch (Northwest Association Minister), Patricia Battle (Central Southeast Association Minister), Nayiri Karjian (Living Water One General Minister), and Carl Robinson (Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association Designated Minister)

St. Paul Fundraiser

Joan and Anne are gathering information on a church fundraiser from Rada Cutlery. Profit to the church is 40%.

They offer stainless steel cutlery, gift sets, kitchen tools and gadgets, spice mixes, mixes for cheeseballs, party dips and soup mixes. Items can be purchased through the catalog, or online.

Coffee Hour on October 10th and October 17th will have items featured from the catalog for your tastings.

Cheeseball Flavors: Tuscan Herb and Garden Vegetable

Party Dip Flavors: Cucumber Onion Dill and Bacon Cheddar

Cheesecake Flavors: Lemon Drop and Celebrations Birthday Cake

Sweet Dip Flavors: Cookie Dough and Cinnamon Roll

Soup Mixes: Chicken w/ Wild Rice, Baked Potato and Cheddar Broccoli Soup

We will also have a paring knife and a tomato knife for you to see as well.

Here is the online ordering link:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5997624.5fc674>

Catalogs are available in the Office and will be on the Kiosk table for the first day of the sale.

We will officially start the sale October 11th!



Baked Potato Soup
serves 4 (allergens: milk, soy, wheat)
A creamy soup mix with the hearty, satisfying flavor of baked potatoes. Just add water.
Q801 \$6.00



Cheddar Broccoli Soup
serves 4 (allergens: milk, soy, blue cheese)
Creamy and delicious, this soup is cheesy with just the right amount of broccoli. Just add water.
Q804 \$6.00



Cucumber Onion Dill
makes 2 1/2 cups (allergens: none)
The garden-fresh flavor of cucumber, onion, and dill.
Q601 \$3.50



Tomato, Garlic & Basil
makes 1 1/2 cups (allergens: milk)
Sweet sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, basil, and Parmesan cheese.
Q604 \$3.50



Bacon Cheddar
makes 2 cups (allergens: milk, soy, wheat)
Tangy cheddar cheese and smoked bacon in a creamy dip.
Q605 \$3.50

Come Join Us

**JOAN & RUTH'S
Birthday Party with a Purpose**

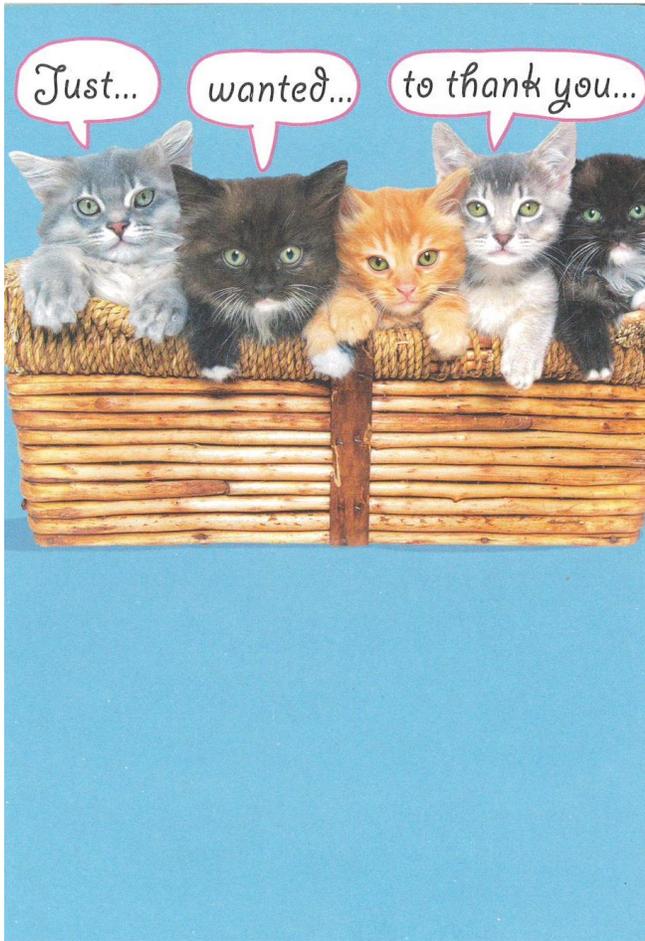


Sept. 20 | 4:30 - 7:30 pm

**West Side Brewing
3044 Harrison Ave. 45211**

*fundraiser for
UCC Mission Priority Board*





Thank You

furry, furry much!
Hey St. Paul family,
I know we haven't been around much
anymore, but thank you for helping us
get through these last couple of years.
And thank you for the Scholarship, it will
really help in the end to help
continue my studies at OU.

- Mandi



9/3 Jessika Combs
9/6 Dolly Johnson

9/7 Jazzman Johnson
9/8 John Allen

9/20 Joan Allen
9/27 David Holmes
9/30 Jo Miller



10/1 Bob Combs
10/2 Ruth Meissner
10/3 Jenny Frost-Cornish

10/6 Judith Lewis-Combs
10/11 Lilly Bierkan
10/12 Carolyn Push

10/14 David Schleutker
10/22 Joe Jester
10/25 Dick Manifold

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Our servicemen and women
Peggy Adams
Chad Willcocks
Kathy Aker
Alice Graber
Tony Mancini
Gay D. Smith
Elaine Sloan
James Stokes
Howard Seaman
June Ward
Kim Caudell
Rhonda Lahmann

Marlene Sheward
Barb Nuckols
Jesse McIlhane
Ann Way
Carol Schroer
Harper Manning
Terri & Walt Schoch
Judy Brown
Lindsey Niehaus
Kim Gutnecht
Cathy Criswell
Becky Blount
Mike Kennedy

Verna Cowan
Richard Huff
Theo Gruber
Lois Manifold
Bill Richter
Dick Manifold
Nola Apro
Wendy Blust
Eric Dearing
Adele Yung
Joann Ernst

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer our HomeBound:

Doris Dunn
Nancy Lanza
Elmer Seesing
Sharon Wagner

Mary Heineke
John & Melitta Marx
Gay Steinhauer

Ruth Hoeweler
Ruth Meissner
Anne Timme

Please keep the office informed on the status of those you have placed on the prayer list.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ELC - Pre-K Parent Orientation 6-7 PM	3 HS- No School AA Meeting 8 PM	4 AA Meeting 8 PM
5 Communion Rev. John Specht MHCC - FH	6 Office Closed to Observe Labor Day ELC - No School HS - No School	7 ELC- 3's Parent Orientation 6-7 pm 4's Parent Orientation 7:15- 8:15 PM Dinner- 5:30 PM	8 ELC- 4's Meet Teacher w/Parent	9	10 HS- No School AA Meeting 8 PM	11 AA Meeting 8 PM
12 Rally Day Welcome Back Home Pastor Joan Allen	13 ELC - 3's Meet Teacher w/Parent Nurture Mtg. 6:30PM Scouts - 6:30 PM	14	15	16	17 HS- No School AA Meeting 8 PM	18 AA Meeting 8 PM
19 Pastor Joan Allen MHCC - FH	20 ELC - Cookie Dough Sale Begins Mission Priority Board -4:30 - 6:30 PM Westside Brewery Scouts - 6:30 PM	21 Dinner- 5:30 PM	22 Epistle Articles Due	23	24 HS- No School AA Meeting 8 PM	25 AA Meeting 8 PM
26 Rev. John Specht MHCC - FH	27 Exec Mtg 5:30 PM Council Mtg. 6:30PM	28 Dinner- 5:30 PM	29	30		FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start

A lot is happening at St. Paul Early Learning Center! In preparation for the new school year, we are getting a fresh look! The pre-k classroom had a few issues that needed to be addressed. Walls are being repaired and a fresh coat of paint is being applied! It is looking great! The dividers in both Preschool bathrooms are full of rust so those are also being take care of. The dividers/doors are being sanded and repainted. Both bathrooms will Receive a fresh coat of paint! Thanks for the endless hours of work to Steve and Robin Lighthall and Anne and Skip Zimmer. This could not be accomplished without you! Stay tuned for photos of the finished projects which appear in the next issue.



August 11th, the teachers hosted a booth at the Northwest Local School District's Health and Safety Fair! This was held at Northgate Mall. We spoke to many families and handed out over 50 flyers advertising the Learning Center.

August 14th was the first "Popsicles At Preschool!" This was an opportunity for students and families to gather on the playground, meet teachers and new classmates, and or course eat a popsicle. It was a beautiful day, full of sun, friendship, and laughter. This will definitely become an annual event.

We are extremely excited about our new school year! What a beautiful opportunity to spread the love of Jesus while providing a positive early education for our students. Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to learn m ore about our programs.

Cookie Dough Sale will begin on September 20th. More information will be coming soon.

Judy Staudigel and Staff



From Pastor Joan

Dearest Member and Friends of St. Paul,

AS we begin a new church year in September, we want to stop and thank each and every member and friend of St. Paul for such a wonderful summer, which was full of challenges, excitement, wonder and a lot of love.

We started the summer with VBS and you met the challenge. We began looking for replacements to step up and fill our council seats and you met the challenge. We began to work on finding new sources of income and we are working on meeting the challenge. We welcomed Mt. Healthy Christian Church in our building to help them with their worship, we met that challenge. We had our 2nd FunFest and you met that challenge.

WE ARE MOVING. I believe with my whole heart that God is speaking and we are beginning to listen and met His challenge. It's a simple challenge, "Love the Lord your God with all our heart and with all your soul and will all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment or challenge greater than these. We are ready, so bring it on! We are listening, working, sharing, and giving to each other and to God. We can't go wrong. YES, there are bumps in the road (we call that life). YES, we misunderstand sometimes (again, we call that life), but nothing should ever get in the way of the Love of God for His Children and the Love of His Children for God.

Prayer is always the answer. We need to work harder to understand the needs of those around us and our needs. Share these needs and work as a team. (I didn't see and "I" in team, did you?) Together through prayer and listening to God, we will overcome the things that keep us from committing to God and each other. So, when you are called, please don't be afraid to answer, God is on the line!

We can't thank everyone enough for the time and talent that was shared during FunFest 2021. It was such a hot day, however, we had a great turn out and lots of help. Everyone from setting up, to running the games, to serving the hotdogs, (did we mention the two brave ladies in the dunking booth) to all that helped to clean up and on and on and on..... This was a team effort and everyone came through. Enjoy the pictures! There are a lot of them and we want to again thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

September 12th begins our new Church year. . . Welcome Back Home! With everything going on around us in the world, fighting, natural disasters, diseases, unrest, and conflict, home has a nice tone don't you think? We have had so many things keep us from each other and God. We are hoping that Welcoming you back will be a great way of letting everyone know that you have been missed, wanted, and needed in you home church. Change is natural and hard, but moving together in one direction towards the love of God, how can you go wrong? Please plan to join us on Sept. 12th as we begin again in love to God and each other.

Blessings,
Pastor Joan

