



THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL

February 2019

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9:50 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday School

Ponderings From The Pastor

Just BREATHE

MY MONTHLY COLUMNS have frequently been (especially of late!) about VISION ...and have almost always addressed some notion or other related to church vitality, renewal, hearing God's voice, growing Christ's "kingdom," etc. This month, in the midst of our New Beginnings house groups, I am keeping it a little simpler.

JUST BREATHE.

At this writing, we've missed two Sundays of worship in a row due to winter weather cancellations. I can never remember, in over thirty years of ministry, ever having to do that before!...though one year we had to cancel three times in six weeks! Those dang winter storms kept coming on Saturday night/Sunday morning, like this year. I for one try not to fret (too much anyway) about having to cancel church. Yes, it's an inconvenience...yes, it means we take a "hit" in our monthly income (missed offerings never seem to quite get "made up" completely). But I will always err on the side of safety and caution, especially with all our "senior" members in mind, when it comes to dicey weather. Better safe than sorry, as the old saying goes.

Besides...what if these "snow days" are really something other than just an inconvenience? I think they are...even on a Sunday! Like so much of our lives and so many of our circumstances, unexpected snow days are what we make of them, what we do with them. And one of the things they are, just maybe, is a way in which God is telling us to JUST BREATHE! Just relax...take it easy. Put down your day planner and you phone. Cozy up on the couch with your comforter, a cup of hot beverage of your choice, and a good book! Take a walk in the snow, catch a snowflake on your tongue, marvel at the QUIET possible in our frenetic world.

I hear comments from time to time when I tell people, especially in tense moments or important meetings, to "Just breathe!", which are comments sometimes muttered under their breath. Some folks think a pastor should have a more directive, "hands on" style of leadership, be more of a "commander in chief", a boss, or a CEO. This isn't really my style of leadership (or my personality). I can be directive when the occasion demands, but generally my style is to be a consensus builder and to try and MODEL spiritual, mature leadership that is calm, non-anxious, and "nonreactive" (not based solely on emotion or strong opinion). This was how Jesus led people. He had quiet-but-insistent spiritual authority, asked lots of challenging questions, made people think, and when he saw injustice he confronted it directly...ALL of it it all with great love and compassion. Jesus practiced compassionate leadership. And, he always took time to pray, to meditate, to seek God's guidance, to spiritually marshal his own inner resources. He took time to BREATHE, to be QUIET, and not be NON-anxious!

Ponderings From The Pastor (continued)

So, as winter wears on, this is my hope and prayer for you and for all of us: in times when the weather—as well as other things!—are uncertain and in-flux, seek some holy Quiet, live in the moment, suspend opinion and emotional reactivity as best as you're able...reject anxiety...seek and stay CALM...relax more...and just BREATHE!

All Peace, Love, and Epiphany Blessings!

Pastor Barry

In Loving Memory

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Memory of Arlon Rogers

Linda Woods

News and Updates

ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Zwoster Scholarship applications and criteria are on the kiosk table in the Narthex.

Applications are due in the office no later than Wednesday, May 1.

Any questions, please contact Sandy Blevins, 513-851-8808.



MARCH EPISTLE DEADLINE

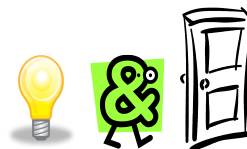
The Epistle deadline for the March edition is Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.



PLEASE HELP US with LIGHTS AND DOORS

On several occurrences lately, we have found an outside door unlocked. Please be sure to check doors before you leave, especially if you are the last one out.

Please do your diligence to make sure that the lights are off in the building when you leave.



News and Updates

Council News

The next Council meeting is Monday,
February 18, 2019 7:00 PM.

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.

President - Judith Lewis-Combs - 729-3152
Secretary - Nancy Klusmeier - 923-1369
Treasurer - Anne Zimmer - 513-260-0573
Nurture Team - Linda Woods - 513-289-5335
Welcome Team - Diane Banker - 522-3318
Endowment - Jan Apro - 931-2417

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Finance - Donna Hodson - 904-333-9422
Care Team - Margie Fassnacht - 574-0354
Facilities - Rick Davis - 574-8345
Worship Team - Vicki Ritz - 741-7868
Sr. Minister - 513-317-8146

Office Administrator - Office - Anne Zimmer - 931-2205

Thank You

It was a wonderful treat!
Thank you so much!
Robin H.

What a wonderful treat!
Thanks!
Diane

Thank you!
-Lara Schneider
Thanks!
Huey

Hang in there!
Stay STRONG!
Stop by School!
-Coach Minor

Delicious!
m. m. m.
Wonderful! Thanks
Traie

Thank you
for your generosity!
H. Man

Many thanks!
Everything was
so yummy!
Ann Duffey

Thank you
for Anna

Thank You so much
Dawn
One small word
thanks!
that says so much.

Thank you so much for the delicious
platter of Christmas cookies you
brought to us! You are great neighbors!
The Staff at
North College Hill High School

Thanks!
John H.

Thank you so much!
Mary Thompson

Thank you!
Jackson

Thank you!
Heather
Burman

Thank you!
BE & R

Thank you!
Annie Watts

Thank you!
Annie Stewart

Thank you so much!
Daphne

Thank you!
Pat Brown

Thank you!
John H.

Thank you!

Thank you St. Paul U.C.C. & Dorothy Kahle for the amazing donation of shoes & socks for our elementary students. We wish you could see the impact and joy you bring to the students & families who receive your generous gifts. We are so thankful and appreciate all the years you have blessed our school.
Ms. Dorothy Kahle thank you for putting this together!

God Bless you!
Sincerely,

Ms. Williams
&
The Elementary Staff

On behalf of NCH Middle School, we would like to thank you for the wonderful cookies. We appreciate your church's thoughtfulness!

Thanks again and keep our staff and students in your prayers!
Sincerely
Mrs. Casey Reece



Happy Birthday to Erma Amrein! Happy 99th Erma, from all at St. Paul. We hope you enjoyed your birthday celebration at church!

FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Paul-United-Church-of-Christ-NCH/451020504934791>.

CHOIR FEST 2019

The 2019 Choir Fest

March 10, 2019

At St. Paul NCH

6997 Hamilton Ave.

Cincinnati OH 45231

3-5 pm

Parking in the North and South lots.

The Mass Choir rehearsal begins at

1:30 pm. All choirs are welcome to participate. Please inform

Rev. Kathi Elliott if your choir is planning to perform,

pastorkathielliott@gmail.com, we are

requesting that 2 selections only per

choir. Also, we are requesting each

church to bring a raffle basket for the

raffle. All proceeds benefit the Mission

Priority Board.



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT - HELP NEEDED

The Scout units and SPY, St. Paul Youth, are teaming up together to put together a Community Easter Egg Hunt. We are aiming for Saturday, April 13 and a rain date for Saturday, April 20th. We will be making lots of plans to pull this all together.

We will however need some help.... Plastic eggs and candy to put in the eggs.... Please help? Any donations can be brought to the main office. If you would be interested in helping the day of the event, we would welcome any and all help as well.

Any questions, please speak with Anne.... THANKS!!!!



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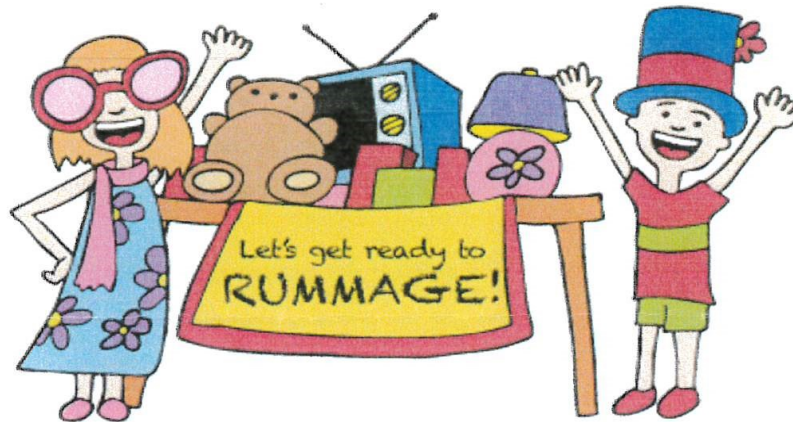
SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 23, 2019

4:30 P.M. & 6 P.M. SEATINGS

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL

513-541-7302 EXT. 10



RUMMAGE SALE!

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

5808 GLENVIEW AVE.

SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019

9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

BAG SALE NOON – 1 P.M.



BIG CHANGES TO OUR ST. PAUL YOUTH- SPY

We have experienced a big change in our youth group and we are pleased to announce the split of SPY. We now have a Jr. SPY and a Sr. SPY. All the youth from 3rd grade to 6th grade will be in our new Jr. SPY, whose leaders are Vickie Bryant, 513-238-7127, Cheryl Bordenkircher, 513-276-3941 and with the temporary aid of Pastor Barry Bordenkircher, 513-317-8146. We are still looking for another leader for this group to assist these wonderful ladies.

The Sr. SPY leaders are Pastor Joan Allen, 513-470-2321, Kim Ferry 513-485-0016 and Pastor Barry Bordenkircher 513-317-8146. These youths are 7th graders to 12th. The leaders met and came up with a few dates that both groups will be doing together and we will be sharing now. So MARK your calendars and lets begin!

Our first lock in for the year is February 8th. We will be meeting at the church (back lot at 6:30 pm and enjoying dinner together braking up in the Jr. and Sr. groups putting plans together and getting to know each other better. Pick up will be after breakfast at 10 am Saturday the 9th



The SPY will be serving Breakfast the 3rd Sunday of each month except in June, July and August. Please plan to join us after service (April Breakfast will be after the Sun Raise Service Easter Morning), for good food and fellowship.

March the 2nd is Pet Picture Day, in the Chapel area. We will be taking pictures with the help of our favorite photographer Melissa Holmes. Pictures, 4 x 6 are \$5.00 each and we can also give you digital files for an additional fee of \$3.00. We will also take pictures of people, so don't miss this opportunity to update personal photos. For more information please contact any of our leaders.



March 10th we will be serving the Choirfest. March the 17th serving the breakfast.

However, the one event all the kids are looking forward to is March 22nd lock in and the 23rd we will be going on the famous "Donut Trail" in Butler County. We will be visiting 13 local bakeries to experience the wild donuts such as S'Mores, Cronuts, Banana Pudding and Buckeyes. Yes, we intend to be sick to our stomachs after this! But what a way to go...All are welcome to join us on this adventure.



These are a few things that the JOINT SPY will be doing, the individual SPY will have events after their meeting on the 8th of February. If you have any suggestions for the SPY's please contact any of the leaders.



Pastor Barry's
***TRANSFORMATION**
CHALLENGE!*

BY NOW you've probably seen this picture of me from over seven years and over eighty pounds ago! Back then I was in the midst of one of the greatest physical transformations I have ever experienced, before or since! Both for me personally (again) and for our church, we are in a **time of transformation!**

The personal challenge I have accepted is to **LOSE AT LEAST 50 POUNDS BY EASTER** (April 21, 2019)...and to date I am nearing TWENTY pounds lost!

I am also asking, for those inclined in our congregation, to consider accepting a personal challenge of their own! In solidarity with our **New Beginnings** process, and its spirit of transformation, you can resolve in this still new year to "be a better you." If you'd like to **there are THREE WAYS you can take part...**



1) **JOIN ME IN A PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION OF YOUR OWN!** – Whether losing weight, getting back into better shape, starting some kind of new healthy hobby—whatever! ANYTHING that helps you feel better physically and/or emotionally.

2) **TAKE UP A NEW SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE** – the New Beginnings process is by nature a PROFOUNDLY spiritual process, and we need to bathe the church and one another in prayer for the next few months. So, engage in spiritual transformation—for yourself AND for the church—by starting a new spiritual discipline (daily devotions, meditation, journaling, Bible reading, etc.). If you want some help/advice or have questions about what to try, JUST LET ME KNOW!

3) **SPONSOR ME!** You can "encourage" me to stay on track with my weight loss regime, AND help support a good cause: **HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ**. Started in 2006 by **First Congregational UCC** in Wallingford, Connecticut, Holy Joe's Café now serves thousands of free cups of coffee every day to our troops in 70 countries throughout the world...and helps U.S. Military Chaplains offer a "café" where troops can gather, talk, and relax in stressful environments. With your sponsor donations I will buy **HOLY JOE'S coffee** for our church Café, and it will help send coffee and caring to our troops! You can sponsor me any amount you want—PER POUND, or any total amount. Sponsor forms are available IN THE CAFÉ...look for BIG BLUE BOX (with snowmen on it). Drop COMPLETED sponsor forms in the blue box That's all there is to it!



Last, if you are taking up your own PERSONAL CHALLENGE, take time and let me know! There are "**CHALLENGE FEEDBACK**" forms you can fill out with your information. These are also in the Cafe, near the Big Blue Box, right by the my Holy Joe's Sponsor Forms, Just fill out and drop in the box!

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?? YEAH!!
LET'S DO THIS!

SCOUTING NEWS

The Cubbies have been busy learning how to cook. They made their very own foil dinner meal over campfire. They sure smelled yummy! Work will soon begin on their Pinewood Derby Cars that they will build for the big race.



The Boy Scout Troop held a lock in so that they could put together an outing schedule to include day activities and camp outs. The Troop currently has 2 scouts working on putting together their Eagle project Proposal's for their Eagle Rank.

The Crew also held a lock in to schedule their upcoming year. They have lots of activities and plans now. Backpacking and hiking, a Sea Scout/Venture Scout event at the end of March, and a Mammoth Cave Trip in May.

We also have BIG news... we now have a new BSA Scout Girl's Troop here at St. Paul. The girls are super excited to also be a part of this program and learning some new skills. Their new Scoutmaster, Anne Zimmer, is also super excited.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School is getting ready for our 11th Annual Carnival, where all proceeds go to the Elaine Payne Scholarship Fund. The carnival is set for Saturday, March 2nd, at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Fellowship Hall will be filled with excitement and fun. During the month of February, the Nursery School hallway will be filled with Baskets that are being raffled off the day of the carnival. We hope you get a chance to stop by and see all the baskets, and if you would like to take some chances on them, just let Karen Rieman know. The chances are 50 cents each. Good Luck and thanks for all your support.

We are now taking registrations for fall classes for the 2019-2020 school year. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please tell them to check us out!

Karen Rieman
and Staff





2/2 Faye Blum	2/11 Elizabeth Fields	2/20 Sandy Schneeman
Eileen Church	Robert Nungester	2/23 Barry Bordenkircher
Carol Schroer	2/12 Erma Amrein	2/25 Dotty Sunnenberg
2/4 Geraldine Cooper	2/14 Bonnie Rogers	2/28 Luke Jensen
2/6 Vicki Celenza	Patricia Sutton	2/29 Christy Sypers
Lois Manifold	2/15 Kim Ferry	
2/9 Mandi Cornish	Wm. Patrick Lewis	



3/1 Doris Dunn	3/9 Elaine Sloan	3/19 Jann Apro
3/2 Ryan Erickson	3/10 Brody Overholts	3/20 Cheryl Davis
3/4 Robert Jensen	3/11 Karen Chalfin	3/25 Nathan Bierkan
3/7 Gay Steinhauer	Jessica Jester	3/26 Adele Werden
3/8 Sharon Frazier	3/12 Vicki Prather	
Venessa Mittler	3/15 William Reed	
Anne Zimmer		

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Our servicemen and women
Peggy Adams
Chad Willcocks
Melody Hoff
Kathy Aker
Ginny DuPriest
Debbie DuPriest
Erma Amrein
John Allen
Gay Steinhauer
Alice Graber
Don Beresford
Tony Mancini
Helen Mason
Jessica Obert
Gay D. Smith

Rev. Virginia Duffy
Ruth Meissner
Barbara Williamson
Skip Zimmer
Mike Chalfin
Elaine Sloan
Nancy Lanza
Barb Walbrun
James Stokes
Tommy Moorehead
Howard Seaman
Lindsay Pitcher
June Ward
Kim Caudell
Paul Maus
Mike Cornish
Clara Kemplin
Rhonda Lahmann

Joann Ernst
Owen Erickson
Nancy Basil
Kellie Whitaker
Marlene Sheward
Derek Nuckols
Justin Nuckols
Will Maier
Brian Criswell
Bodde Scudder
The Rogers Family
Emma Spence
Susan, a friend of Linda
Woods
Bob Harbaum
The DuPriest Family
Greg Rice

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

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer our HomeBound:

Geraldine Cooper
Mary Lou Heiden
Albert Mueller
Dolores Ungerbuehler



Bob Dickman
Mary Heineke
Dot Sunnenberg
Sharon Wagner

Marian Faller
Charlotte McCauley
Anne Timme
Lucille Walters

*If you would like to add
someone to the prayer
list, please call the office.*



February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Standing Dates: Mondays: Crafty Critters - 10 AM Scouts: 6:30 - 9:00 PM Tuesday: Community Dinner 5:00 PM weekly Fridays/Saturdays: AA Meeting 8 PM					1 Crew Lock-In 7 PM—10 AM	2 → Davis Wedding 2:30 PM
						
3 Scout Sunday House Mtg. 12-1:30 PM	4 AARP 9-2 PM	5 House Mtg. 7-8:30 PM	6 House Mtg. 10-11:30 AM 7-8:30 PM Brownies Mtg 6:30 PM	7 House Mtg. 7-8:30 PM	8 SPY Lock-In 6:30 PM -10 AM →	9 →
10 House Mtg. 12-1:30 PM	11 AARP 9-2 PM	12 NS 3's Valentine Party House Mtg. 7-8:30 PM	13 House Mtg. 10-11:30 AM 7-8:30 PM Exec and NS Mtg. 5 PM	14 NS 4'a/Pre-K Valentine Party House Mtg. 7-8:30 PM Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Mt. Healthy OES Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 PM
17 SPY Providing Breakfast	18 AARP 9-2 PM NS-No School Nurture Mtg 5:30 PM Council Mtg. 7 PM	19	20 Brownies Mtg 6:30 PM	21 Staff Mtg 9 AM	22 Confirmation Class Dinner 7:30 PM – 10AM Lock-In →	23 →
24	25 AARP 9-2 PM	26	27	28 NS Carnival Set Up		

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and Jessica Whittis.

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Joan Allen, Lay Minister
Rick Tallarigo, Organist/Interim Music
Director
Anne Zimmer, Office Administrator
Jim Maybury, Sexton
Anne Zimmer, Treasurer

Parish Nurses: Vicki Celenza, R.N.,
Coordinator
Roxanne Reed, R.N.

