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The Visitor November 2024



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Greetings to you, St. Paul UCC—

Do you remember the scene in *Home Alone* when Kevin goes to the grocery store and comes home with two overflowing bags of groceries and he only spent \$19.83? Last year, *USA Today* did the calculations and figured the same items would cost him close to \$70 today. That's an increase of 250% since 1990.

All of us know that our dollars don't go as far as they used to in the grocery store these days. It's meant that many of us have had to tighten our belts a bit to be sure we can make it from paycheck to paycheck.

But there are a great number of people in this community that their paycheck (Often times two paychecks from two different jobs.) just won't get them from payday to payday. They have to make hard choices like food or rent? Needed medication or utilities?

There are ministries in Kahoka that help these folks out. There's the *Minister's Alliance* that helps to pick up things like rent, medication and utilities payments. But today their funds are low, and they can not help. They have decided to focus on funding the food vouchers that cover milk, eggs, bread and margarine. Since COVID, donations from local churches have dried up, and the offerings from community services are down.

There's *Helping Hands* that provides boxes of food to families once a month. But the corporations that supply the food have cut back, and many have simply stopped participating meaning there is less food coming into town to begin with.

There's also the *Food Pantry*. Every week they're available to offer common food items to residents of Clark County. But they, too, are low on staples like canned fruit and vegetables. In fact, they're at a historic low on those items right now.

There is a massive need, but resources are scarce. No one church could possibly come to the rescue. But we can all do our part for those in need. As Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." And that's what we can do.

As we enter into the holiday season, I would like to ask that every time you go shopping for groceries in the next few weeks, pick up one can of something good and nutritious for the *Food Pantry*. (Canned fruits or vegetables would be best.) Not a whole cart of food, but one can. If every person did that, for the next six to eight weeks, we could really make a positive impact on the community, and show our neighbors our love. 350 cans by Christmas is not an unattainable goal.

Any Sunday, bring your cans to church and place them in the front entryway by the guestbook stand. There is usually a laundry basket there for donations. Bring them in, and we can make someone's holidays a little bit brighter.

And isn't that the Christian thing to do?



Peace and Joy!

Pastor Dan

St. Paul United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting September 15, 2024

<u>Call to Order</u>: Pastor Dan called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer at 8:36 a.m.

Members present: Jamie Ross, Katrina Nixon, Mike Frazier, Craig Hunziker, Brian Clark, and Ava Little.

<u>Previous Minutes</u>: Ava Little made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Mike Frazier. All were in favor.

<u>Financial Report</u>: August Income \$17,197.61 from offering and \$14,767.45 in expenses. Ava Little made a motion to accept the financial reports and a second by Brian Clark, all were in favor.

Old Business:

- 1. Cemetery The Cemetery Board is still looking for an individual to maintain the cemetery.
- 2. The church roof/bell tower has been completed with sealant. A good crew showed and made for light work. The job has been completed. Other discussion with masonry work was discussed and an individual has been contacted about fixing some issues with the bell tower, west side of the church corner, and other miscellaneous masonry work around the church.
- 3. TI Trust A four year contract was again signed with Buford farms to continue at the rate of pay that we have consistently been getting. Items that the church farm will need to look at upgrading/fixing in the next contract includes dirt work with one of the pongs, terrace work, and removal of a brush row.

New Business:

- 1. Helping Hands Cinda James and Nancy Holmes would like to speak to the church congregation in October and discuss the local programs that are active and in need within our community. It will be posted in the calendar once a date is set.
- 2. Consistory Members Ava Little (usher), Mandy Ross (financial secretary) and Katrina Nixon (treasurer) consistory terms are up at the end of the year. We are looking for individuals willing to fill those positions on the consistory board. Please contact any member if you are interested.
- 3. Pastor's Report:

Pastor Dan - Vacation October 21-26th. Nonmember funeral expenses to hold a funeral at St. Paul UCC. Discussion and consistory motion to set the nonmember funeral rate the same as a nonmember wedding expense.

<u>Looking forward</u>: Next consistory meeting is set for October 20th.

Closing Prayer

Submitted by, Katrina Nixon, Consistory Treasurer



Pastor Dan is in his office from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday

He is sometimes gone for appointments and local meetings.

You can always reach him on his cell phone at 319-470-6581.

Podcasts of Pastor Dan's Sermons



Podcasts of Pastor Dan's sermons are available for free download at danmoore.podomatic.com

Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 am



We <u>FALL</u> back an hour. Before you head to bed, be sure to turn the clocks back. <u>AND</u> check your smoke detector batteries.

Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

Thanksgiving day is
Thursday, November 28th.
The office will be closed, but will be open
on Monday, November 25
from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Happy Thanksgiving!!





Annual Committee Reports are due to the office by December 15th 2024.

St. Paul UCC Annual Meeting Is Scheduled For January 19, 2025



November 2024

Acolytes

November 3 Kinley Clark & Kyper Nixon November 10 Adalyn Plenge & Hollyn Perry November 17 Kollyns Ball & Taralynn Little November 24 Hollyn Perry & Kollyns Ball

Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

November 3 Kale & Katrina Nixon November 10 Larry & Robin Harper November 17 Matt & Chrissy Plenge November 24 Brian & Courtney Buford

Altar Flowers

November 3 Open November 10 Open November 17 Open

November 24 Nancie Holmes

Sound Board

Travis Pitford



Endowment Committee



Book Grants will be handed out during worship service on Sunday, December 1.

Bible Study



The Thursday morning (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) Bible Study is starting up again, and this time we are studying Revelation. Books are

still \$5 and are available in the church office or during class time.

November 7 - Lesson 1 (Rev 1:9-20) November 14 - Lesson 2 (Rev 2:1-7)

November 21 - Lesson 3 (Rev 2:8-17)

November 28 - No class. Blessed Thanksgiving!

December 5 - Lesson 4 (Rev 2:18-29)

Sermon Texts for November

These are the texts Pastor Dan is planning to use this month...

November 3 - John 11:32-44 November 10 - Mark 12:38-44 November 17 - Mark 13:1-8 November 24 - John 18:33-37

Children's Choir



Our choir is for any child through high school. Thank you to all who are participating

and we welcome anyone who wants to join us! Practice is at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Children's Choir will perform on Sunday, **November 10, 2024** during worship service.

Please contact Keri Kearns with any questions!

Hurricane Relief

Our UCC is actively engaged in the hurricane relief missions down south. If you would like to give to this mission, click over to ucc.org and follow the link.

Happy Birthday

November 1	Tabitha Scott
November 1	Cole Kirchner
November 1	Marshall Keane
November 2	Dale Harper
November 3	Brian Clark
November 3	Tessa Simmons
November 3	Garrett Billings
November 3	Liam Lovell
November 4	Chad Hunziker
November 4	Dani Adamson
November 4	Nicole Harper
November 4	Troy Hamner
November 5	Clinton Meinhardt
November 5	Isaiah Hardin
November 7	Mary Hunziker
November 7	Reece Schlatter
November 9	Huck Allen
November 10	Clinton Hunziker
November 10	Evelyn Arnold
November 11	Bryce Hall
November 11	David Wilson
November 11	Ed McAfee
November 12	Ethan Kelly
November 12	Michelle Hess
November 12	Patrick Kelly
November 13	Lynda Kerr
November 14	Joann Brewer
November 14	Lukas Ankeney
November 14	Nathan Marshall
November 14	Brynli Sturm
November 15	Douglas James
November 15	Kim Meinhardt
November 16	Beth Lundry
November 16	Bill Heinze
November 16	Nolan Creech
November 17	Hollyn Perry
November 17	Kourtney Meinhardt
November 18	Terra Woodruff

November 19	Janet Fry
November 19	Brett Cole
November 19	Gabe Hunziker
November 19	Mac Raess
November 20	Walter Webber
November 20	Kole Ross
November 20	Caydence Cardenas
November 21	Rachel Arnold
November 21	Landon Durnil
November 22	Joe Brewer
November 23	Ross Frazier
November 24	Beau Braxton
November 24	Jaden Bergeson
November 24	Natalie Hunziker
November 24	Susie Biggerstaff
November 24	Connie Marshall
November 25	Erica Durnil
November 26	Eleanor Cameron
November 26	Zane Schlatter
November 27	Ethan Allen
November 27	Jeremy Hall
November 28	John Bevans
November 28	Paula Wendling
November 28	Sawyer Arnold
November 29	Corey Hall
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November 1, 1968
November 1, 2003
November 2, 2019
November 3, 1963
November 4, 1967
November 4, 2023
November 18, 1977
November 27, 1966
November 27, 1971
November 27, 1999

November 29, 2003

Jerry & Joy Hays
Doug & Nolene James
Rick & Sonia Clark
Larry & Carolyn Arnold
Terry & Cinda James
Shaw & Jenna Hunziker
Kent & Gayla Nixon
Gary & Carol Trump
John & LaDonna Parker
Scott & Carrie James
Travis & Jessica Pitford

Prayer List

October 27: Steven Zick, The Fall Festival

October 20: The FFA traveling to Indianapolis, The generosity of the congregation for the Food Pantry offering, Thanksgiving for the wonderful Kids

Choir

October 13: Wayne Zinnert, Family of Bev Barrows, Family of Linda Dinger, Mike Kirchner, Family of Mertice Meinhardt, The hungry of our community

October 6: Wildfires in Wyoming, Those recovering from Helene, Those in path of Milton, Family of Cayden Marr, Travis Hiel, Bobby Curiel, Bev Barrows, Abby Plenge

September 29: Abby Plenge on her mission trip to Central Mexico, Tony Keefe on his ordination and installation as pastor of St. Paul's in Donnellson, Victims of Helene, Opal Nixon, Family of Bev Boley

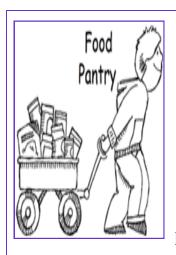
Military Prayer List:

Devin Fowler, Jason Brotherton, Devin Brotherton, Lane Dochterman, Nathan Marshall, Michael Scott, Jr., Ben Barnes, Ajay Miller and many others serving our country. Our Disabled Veterans and Veterans of War.

Continuous Prayer List:

Sandra Frazier, Jessica Pitford, Toby Washburn, Kinslee Larue Coulter, Kim McAfee, Pastor Marie Paterik, Ken Harvey, Hal Plenge, Rodney Gares, Lori Hamner, Laura Gray, Shelbi Slater,

Please let the office know if there are names to be added or can be removed from the prayer list. We are trying to keep the prayer list updated as best as we can



Food Pantry Sunday is November 10.

Items suggested for month of November include: box potatoes, juice, small peanut butter jars, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, hamburger helper, gelatin dessert, instant pudding, tuna, toilet paper, canned fruits and veggies, liquid laundry soap and cereal

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Clark County Food Pantry.

Helping Hands/ Feeding America **Food Distribution**

Nanci Holmes 660-727-2000 Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

> 2024 Schedule November 14 December 12

Clark County Food Pantry Jeannie Ray 319-795-1223 Monday and Thursday Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Father/Son Banquet Sunday, November 10, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$10, Age 7 and under are Free Tickets available from Mandy Ross, Jay Meinhardt, or the Church Office

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC Women's Fellowship

Clark County Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinner Donation

The Clark County Food Pantry will be providing a Thanksgiving meal basket to local families again this year. They are planning on 175 families.

The Food Pantry was able to buy the stuffing mix this year at a very big discount. Our congregation had a special offering on Sunday, October 13 to reimburse the Food Pantry for the stuffing mix.



"I had tears in my eyes when I counted the Food Pantry special offering from last Sunday. \$1,515.00!! This included the Youth Group's coffee donations from that day! How generous. What a wonderful St. Paul family we have." Thank you! Cinda

On November 24th the youth group will be helping load donations from the church to the Clark County Food Pantry and taking them to the Food Pantry. A lunch will be served at the church.



Community Thanksgiving Service

St. Michael's Catholic Church Sunday, November 24 - 2:00 p.m. Speaker: Shelby Whitney of the Cowboy Church St. Paul UCC Praise Team will provide the music

Election Day
Tuesday, November 5, 2023



Veteran's Day Monday, November 11, 2023





Pastor's Thoughts...

Year End Reports - A reminder that the year is quickly coming to a close, and that now would be a good time to gather notes for the year end reports.

Thanksgiving - Pastor Dan will be out of town on November 23 to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family in Ft. Madison. If you need him, just give him a call.

Pastor Appreciation Day - Pastor Dan is very grateful to everyone who wished him a happy Pastor's Appreciation Day on October 13th. He was very touched by the congregation's kindness.

Advent - The first Sunday of Advent is December 1st this year. That Sunday the young people of our church will be decorating the Christmas tree. There will be a soup supper after church to gather for fellowship.

Live Nativity - St. Paul will be participating in a Live Nativity for the Christmas on the Square on December 14th. More details to come!

Christmas Eve - There will be two services this year. One at our regular 5:00 p.m. and a candlelight service at 8:00 p.m.

A number of times in the last month, my identity has been hacked and text messages have gone out from "Reverend Daniel Moore" asking for help, usually to pay for gift cards for cancer patients. I am sorry for the confusion, but I would never send out a request like that to anyone. I would always speak with you face to face if the need did arise. (And I always sign off as "Pastor Dan", never Reverend Daniel Moore".)

Peace and Joy! Pastor Dan





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Children's Choir Performance October 13, 2024 "Praise"







Always a joyful experience!!

Come Join us!!
Children's Choir Performance
Sunday, November 10

Next Puppet Pals Performance - Sunday, November 3

Sunday Morning Coffee Bar



The coffee bar will be going back to the simplicity of a couple of signature lotus drinks along with a coffee bar with a nice selection of flavors to doctor up your delicious cup of joy. We will also have hot teas and hot chocolate available for the colder months ahead. We want to encourage anyone to grab a cup of goodness when dropping off your kiddos or if you are staying for Sunday School as well. Our goal is to encourage fellowship or just relax in the pews while it's quiet.

B CKPACK Ministry

St. Paul BackPack Ministry

The BackPack Ministry has received a lot of nice donations of hygiene items that we were really needing. We encourage everyone to keep our foster children and children in need in our community in your prayers as the cold sets in. Thank you for your amazing support!

Keri Kearns



St. Paul UCC Youth Ministry

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL UCC YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

We are meeting on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm. This November we will be starting a new series titled: Take a Bow.This series encourages students to explore the interesting tension between living a life of humility and confidence at the same time. Anchored in Jesus's understanding of humility, students will be challenged to occupy their Godgiven space in the world and to learn how to constantly weigh the tendency for entitlement and arrogance against Jesus's call to be humble. We will also be helping the food pantry again this year as they are loading up groceries for the thanksgiving baskets as well as help unload the items. This will take place right after church on the sunday before thanksgiving. We will meet after church, have lunch together, and then load up to go help the food pantry. We are usually done around 1:30 pm.

We are still in need of some adult volunteers to come and be a part of our gatherings each week, if you have any interest in volunteering with our students just let me know and I would be more than happy to connect with you.

- Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Cristian if you have any questions via email (cristianreyes.2014@gmail.com) or call/text (913-283-0306).

- IMPORTANT DATES

November 24th Thanksgiving Basket food pantry load up

St. Paul United Church of Christ Activities for

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November 2024

Each Sunday

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Saturday							
Friday	Saints Day	8		15	22		29
Thursday			Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Helping Hands 14 Food Distribution 8:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.	21	Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Office Closed
Wednesday		9	Youth Group 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Youth Group 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	20	Youth Group 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	27
Tuesday		\$ *****		12	19	CCMA Meeting Amazing Grace Bible Church	26
Monday	Office Closed	4	Office Closed	Veteran's Day 11 THANK YOU VETERANS Office Closed	18	Office Closed	25 Office Open
Sunday		~	Communion Puppet Pals	Children's Choir	11		Consistory Meeting4 Youth Group assist4 with Community Thanksgiving Baskets Following worship Community Thanksgiving Service St. Michaels -2:00 p.m.