



THE MESSENGER

OUR MISSION IS TO GROW IN FAITH, TO WORSHIP GOD, TO SERVE OTHERS, AND TO WELCOME ALL.

Swim Party

July 31 from 2 to 4 PM

03 PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR YOU

No need to bring anything but your swimsuit and a chair. Come enjoy!

St. Paul's Wish List

Two items left!

- 2 LASER PROJECTORS
- MEDIA CART WITH TV
- GARAGE DOOR OPENER
- NEW WHEELCHAIR

START A NEW SEASON WITH US

KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

03 CHURCH PICNIC WITH MESSY CHURCH

Come to our picnic/Messy Church on Kickoff Sunday, September 11 at 4-6 pm

04 JOIN ST. PAUL'S SENIOR CHOIR AUG. 31 AT 7 PM

It's time to think about bringing choral music to the congregation again!

JESUS AND STORIES

When pressed by the religious leaders and prominent community members on tough questions, Jesus often responded in parables, rather than a direct answer. For example, when a lawyer stood up to test Jesus in Luke 10, Jesus first responds with a question, and then when pressed by the lawyer to clarify, because lawyers' livelihood relies upon clarification and semantics, Jesus doesn't give him a direct answer but instead tells the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Good Samaritan has become synonymous with a friendly individual in modern day. Those that stop to help, those that go out of their way to be kind, those that give generously without return. It isn't even an exclusive term anymore, we have laws around this idea of being a Good Samaritan and not having legal repercussions when one is attempting to help in certain situations. But when Jesus used the word Samaritan, no honorable Jewish person would have used the word "good" to describe anyone from that background.

Samaritans and Jews are very closely related. When the Jews from the northern Kingdom of Israel were exiled by Assyria, the Assyrians let the lower classes stay and those left behind began to be integrated into the new cultural ways of the Assyrians. Through intermarriage with the Assyrians, their belief system evolved differently than those exiled Jews; and when the Jews returned they saw these Samaritans as improper Jews and fought bitterly over theological ideals but also their willingness to adopt local customs that the "proper" Jews saw as unfit for a Jew. Thus, a bitter hatred toward Jews and Samaritans developed.



I grew up in a denomination that had gone through a split in the 1850s that still exists in modern day. The two denominations have similar beliefs, they have similar worship styles, they draw from similar ethnic backgrounds, have similar church architecture, worship order, colleges, and are geographically located in the same areas. Yet, between these two groups there is bitter resentment, so much so that one denomination places a rooster on top of their steeples as a way to demonstrate that the other denomination has denied Christ, just as Peter denied Christ on Maundy Thursday in the courtyard when asked if he knew Jesus.

Today in our society, we have been divided into polarized camps. It splits denominations, it splits neighborhoods, divides school children, it creates tension amongst neighbors and has manifested into violence at times. If you read closely the end of the story in Luke, Jesus asks who was the neighbor, and the lawyer says, "The one who showed mercy." Why didn't he say the Samaritan? Because there was so much animosity toward the other side that he couldn't let himself conclude that a Samaritan could act in such a manner.

The story of the Good Samaritan is a

powerful reminder that our grace, love, and mercy is expected toward all people, not just our tribal allegiance. Regardless of the flag posted out front, the bumper sticker on the car, the news media that is consumed, or the apparel that we wear, our calling as Christians is to respond in mercy, just as the Samaritan responded in mercy. We surround ourselves with like-minded individuals, and then begin to create caricatures out of those who are not like us. Once this process begins we will likely dehumanize the other side until they are no longer part of our worldview. So to reorient our lives, take the person who irks you most, take the people who are least likely to act in the manner you think are proper. And then reread the story of the Good Samaritan, but substitute Samaritan with the name of those people. Go a step further and insert your name for the priest and your friend's with the Levite. See if the story has a different feel, maybe a different insight. We are called by Christ, not just to help our like-minded neighbor, but "those" neighbors.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Darin

Kickoff Sunday Picnic and Messy Church on September 11, 4 - 6 PM, at the East Syder Park

Exciting plans are underway for the September 11, 2022, Kickoff Sunday picnic! Mark your calendars and plan on attending. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with church members and their families. Watch for more information in the September newsletter and weekly eNews!

We will meet at the larger pavillion. There will be grilled hot dogs & buns, ice cream, and drinks. Messy Church will provide properly messy fun crafts and activities. Please bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, and your own reusable dinnerware and utensils. Dinnerware and utensils should be items that can be taken home and washed and not paper or Styrofoam.



MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH LEADER



I am very excited to announce new youth and teen programs for the fall!

Starting in September, St. Paul's will offer a new monthly program geared toward families with young children called Kids Night Out. This new program will replace the weekly Kids Group program and serve children in preschool through 5th grade. The goal is to engage the kids' imagination as they learn about stories from the Bible. Dinner, activities, crafts, and engaging videos make learning about God and building lasting friendships fun, and parents can enjoy some time with each other. Advanced registration will be required for planning and limited to 20 children. More information about

dates and registration deadlines will be announced soon!

In addition to a new youth program, we are working on a new Teen program for youth in grades 6 - 12. I am compiling a list of activities and topics the group brainstormed at our planning meeting last spring and will announce details on dates and times soon!

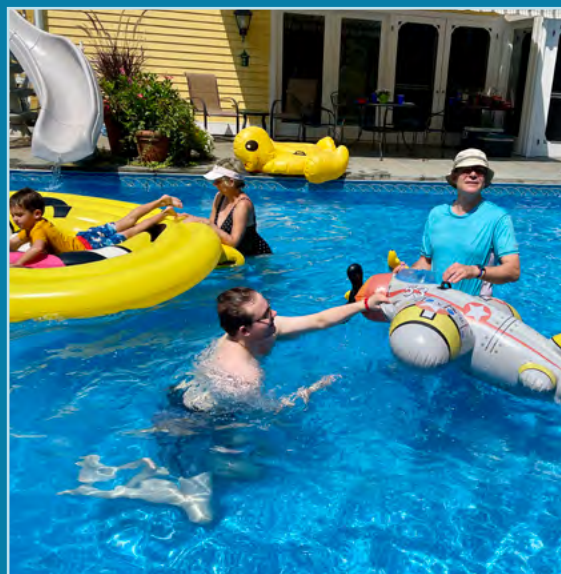
Finally, Sunday School will resume in September. The format will remain the same, but I am looking forward to welcoming several new participants who are starting kindergarten in the fall!

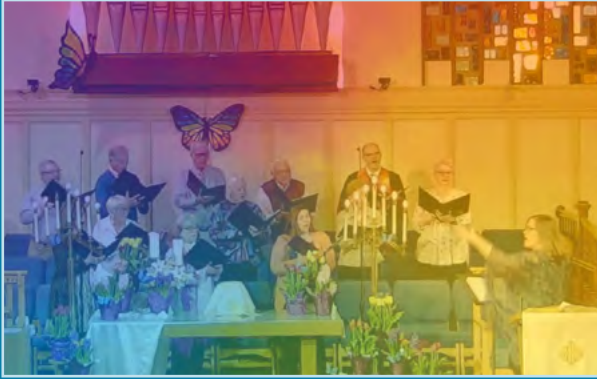
If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of the programs, please contact Torri Stark at youth@saintpauls-ucc.org.

Swim Party on July 31, 2 to 4 PM

All are invited to come and swim or sit by the pool (or in the shade) and chat or play shuffle board or ping pong or whatever makes you happy on a summer day. We'll supply lots of snacks and soda, juice boxes, iced tea and water. Please feel free to bring anything else you want to drink. You don't need to bring a thing except your swim suit and a towel and sun screen and maybe a lawn chair. Please bring any neighbors or friends along if you'd like. This will be a great opportunity for us to meet and get to know our new members. We also have plenty of room to sit inside if you want to avoid the sun... and the bugs. If it's pouring down rain, we'll try again next year! Sign up [online](#) or contact the church office at 570-374-8749 so we know how many will be attending. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Raven and Marv Rudnitsky





A Note from our Senior Choir Director

It's time to think about bringing choral music to the congregation again! We've had some new members join and we welcomed some confirmands, so I know there's got to be St. Paul's family out there that would enjoy singing with the Senior Choir.

I choose a varied selection of music, from differing genres and time periods. We always enjoy each other's company as we lift our spirits, doing some-

thing we love! We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7pm and this season we will begin on August 31st. We will prepare to join together in celebration and song on Kickoff Sunday, which is September 11th. Please get in touch with any questions by emailing deeberdoo@gmail.com.

See you soon!

Amy Caron, Senior Choir Director



DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Essay writing competition that fosters a perpetual remembrance of The Holocaust

St. Paul's recently became a gold-level sponsor of the Days of Remembrance essay contest, which is available to middle school and high school students in six counties in the Susquehanna Valley: Snyder, Northumberland, Union, Montour, Columbia, and Lycoming Counties. The goal of the contest is to promote perpetual remembrance of the Holocaust, in the hopes of promoting a commitment to human rights in our youth.

This year, the award winners were:

High School First Place: "Dangers of Propaganda" by Cortney Keim Line Mountain High School, Herndon, PA

Middle School First Place: "Morality and the Consequences of Its Suppression" by Katelyn Chen Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, Lewisburg, PA

All the award winners are listed on the Day of Remembrance website at <https://daysofremembrance.org/winners> and we will be sharing the winning essays on our website as well.



The team spearheading the start of a **Selinsgrove satellite PFLAG group** has announced that the **first meeting will be held on September 15!** A hybrid meeting is planned for the convenience of joining online as well as in person. On a personal note, I want to thank ALL those who have joined in bringing this effort to fruition! This includes not

only St. Paul's quintessential helpers, but from our community as well as PFLAG Danville. The addition of this organization's longevity, strength, and our shared knowledge of the many programs to provide assistance to our community has the potential to be nothing short of being a lifesaving help to those we serve.

- Randy Tanner

Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. PFLAG's network of hundreds of chapters and more than 325,000 members and supporters works to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

St. Paul's Wish List

Two items left!



2 LASER PROJECTORS



GARAGE DOOR OPENER



NEW WHEELCHAIR



MEDIA CART WITH TV



We are touched by the generosity of those who helped us cross off three items from St. Paul's wish list. Only two more to go! Thank you! If you are willing and able to help with one of the following items, or contribute toward one of them, please let the church office know. You can specify "Wish List" or the name of a specific item (Media Cart or Laser Projector in the memo line, if you want to write a check. Thank you!

Laser Projectors for the Sanctuary: If you have been worshipping with us in person, you notice that the projected slides are slowly fading away. The current projectors were installed nine years ago, are aging and worn, and are on their way out. We want crisp and clear images to match the quality of the services. Two new long-lasting laser projectors will accomplish that, and we as a worshipping community will greatly benefit from them. One high-quality laser projector to match the size or our sanctuary and screens will cost about \$5,000. We need one more.

A Media Cart with Large LED TV: Our church meetings will continue in hybrid mode. This means, that Church Council and all other church committees will take place in person AND electronically, via Zoom. Some people who live in town, will participate in person. Others, who live away (like in Northumberland), or are traveling (like staying over the winter months in Florida) or for various other reasons cannot join us in person (like people who do not drive at night any more), will join in via Zoom. We need a large flat screen TV, to make that possible. The current TV in the council room is too small to do a great job and to allow for good quality screen sharing. A media cart will help us move the TV on the lower level to where it is needed, to the Christian Education room for children to learn, the fellowship hall for "Hot Topic" presentations, etc. A good quality long-lasting media cart with large flat screen TV will cost about \$1,500.



PASTORAL CARE AUGUST

August 1-13 Rev. Amelia Price
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August 14-21 Rev. Darin Namminga
605-929-6495; darinnamminga@gmail.com

August 22-31 Rev. Amelia Price
570-850-7739; aashivers@gmail.com

AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/01 Richard Lybarger
- 8/02 Bill Teisher
- 8/04 Bob Brown
Talisha Probst
- 8/05 Oliver Namminga
- 8/07 Amelia Gentile
Jack Lewis
Jack Snook
- 8/08 Ashtyn Lukens
Carolyn Proger
- 8/10 Nathan Lewis
Gibby Mease
Corey Troup
- 8/15 Sara Adams
Donna McElroy
Rory Smith
- 8/16 Denise Haddon
- 8/17 Taleisha Burd
Sally Hayhurst
Gladys Luckenbaugh
- 8/20 Gayle Dively
- 8/21 Matthew Beaver
Mary Bolig
- 8/23 Bruce Hummel
- 8/24 Linda Forster
Janet Siegfried
Ben Williard
- 8/25 Norman Golden
Landon Williard
Justine Huss
- 8/26 Tayla Derr
- 8/27 Helen Hannah
Derick Shambach
Landon Spriggle,
Andrew Wagner
- 8/28 Darlene Attig
Peggy Peeler
Devin Rhoads
Jane Ruhl,
Verlyn Smith
Thomas Spriggle
- 8/30 Bob Engel

PRAYER LIST

The Family of Dottie Beaver
Russ Delp
Gene Greiner
Kim Haizlett
David & Helen Hannah
Bill Hockenbrock
Jay, his wife, and children
Ginny Lloyd
Gibby Mease and Family
Paul Murray
Allen Shirk
Pat Snook

Nancy Wagner
All who keep working in critical situations, especially the health care workers
All who are grieving
Those in leadership positions
Our country - for peace, respect, understanding
Those who are dear and close to our hearts and those not named above
The people of Ukraine and all those suffering from the raging war

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much. I really enjoyed the book you gave me. Thank you for the money. It really made me smile. I am grateful for St. Paul's church for being here for all 2022 grads.

Thank you, Pastor Dietmar!
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Pastor Dietmar,

I appreciate the cards and gifts on behalf of the St. Paul's family.

Thank you for being so supportive and such a great leader of the church that has raised me. I look back and realize how blessed I am by God to have graduated, and realize that I could not be here today without the guidance of everyone at St. Paul's. We are truly blessed to have such a welcoming, supportive family at our church.

All the best,
Sam Haddon

Dear Pastor Dietmar and St. Paul's Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful card, gift, and book to help celebrate my college graduation. Your kindness goes on for miles and miles.

Fondly,
Tara Gardner

Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for remembering me with the thoughtful gift as a thank you for caring for the flower beds on the church grounds. It is a pleasure to serve in that way and it gets me outdoors in nature! Thank you to Randy Tanner for keeping the walks edged so beautifully and to John Rothermel for keeping the grass mowed!

Thanks again,
Lisa Krex



Our Confirmands confirmed their faith on Pentecost Sunday and joined the church as official members: (from left to right) Katie Proger, Jane Berger, Kristin Hayes who got baptized, Jack Stark, and Danika Burd.



NAME TAGS

Beginning with Kick-Off Sunday, September 11th, we are asking everyone to start wearing name tags. Name tags are a great way for everyone to get to know each other, especially our new members and those of us who are good at faces but not so good with names. Name tags will be in the cabinet in the narthex, and if you need a name tag, we will make one for you.

LOAVES AND FISHES

April

Total families 70
 Total children 32
 Total adults 60
 Total seniors 68
 Total served 160

May

Total families 69
 Total children 35
 Total adults 60
 Total seniors 73
 Total served 168

June

Total families 77
 Total children 22
 Total adults 39
 Total seniors 81
 Total served 142

AUGUST



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/02 Barbara & Tim Reed
- 8/06 Raven & Marvin Rudnitsky
- 8/09 Peggy & Tom Peeler
- 8/10 Deb & Tony Martello
- 8/13 Ben & Kelsey Williard
- 8/14 Debra & Bruce Witkop
- 8/18 Bob & Jeanne Engel
- 8/19 Sigrid & Dietmar Plajer
- Kathy & Derek Straub
- Shelly & Willie Wolfe
- 8/23 Vivian & Terry Beaver

ST. PAUL'S COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 14, 2022

Attendance:

Sara Adams, Kim Burkhart, Amy Caron, Bob Engel, Rev. Darin Namminga, Peggy Peeler, Marvin Rudnitsky as guest, Randy Tanner, Linda Turner, Josh Wenrich, Allen Wetzel, Mike Zettlemoyer.

Excused:

Bev Heinemann, Rev. Dietmar Plajer, Sigrid Plajer, Shane Sanders, Craig Stark, Kathy Ulrich.

Minutes from May Council: Minutes were sent earlier via email by Randy Tanner; no changes were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Josh Wenrich, seconded by Allen Wetzel, and the motion was approved.

Special Property and Grounds Committee Report: Marv Rudnitsky set before council some options currently being considered in moving forward in reassessing our lease agreement of the property leased to the Bridal Shop. Marv has volunteered to speak with Cindy to explain our thoughts on possible upcoming repairs needed and lease options for her to consider in the near future.

Financial Report: The report was sent out earlier via email. Linda Turner reviewed the figures with no concerns posed. A motion to approve the report was made by Randy Tanner and seconded by Bob Engel. The motion was approved.

Pastor's Report/Welcome Rev. Darin! Rev. Darin asked Council to help monitor possible issues that may arise as a result of finding out the many tasks Rev. Dietmar routinely handled that might have been overlooked in the transition during his Sabbatical.

Unfinished Business and New Business:

Council Leadership Changes: Linda Turner in accepting the Church Secretary position is not allowed to continue as Vice President. A proposal of Council Secretary Randy Tanner and Linda Turner swapping positions was made to Council. Council reviewed the proposal after Randy and Linda stepped out of the meeting. A decision to accept the change in positions was approved by Council.

Worship Service: The Summer service time has changed to 10 am until we return to our usual time in the Fall.

Worship Options: Worship in person, online, and by phone all are going smoothly with no current feedback for changes to consider.

Sabbatical Coverage: Rev. Darin Namminga continues to bring us our Sunday Services, and a full schedule of coverage has been set up for times he will be away from Selinsgrove. If concerns arise, please feel free to contact Rev. Darin directly by phone or email. Our weekly E-newsletters also list contact info.

Community Opportunities and Post-COVID St. Paul's Vision

Statement: Both of these items are slated for this fall or possibly next spring. Shane Sanders is still looking for old chairs to be considered for our upcoming project - remember submission deadline is July 31.

Personnel Committee Report: Looking forward, the committee has decided to proactively review some staff job positions to make sure any new hires' job descriptions are properly updated with changes since last reviewed.

Messy Church Update: The fall start date for Messy Church will be combined with Kickoff Sunday on September 11 at the East Snyder Park, large pavilion.

Vacation Bible School: All those participating in the week-long activities enjoyed the activities, crafts, bible theme "The Parable of the Sower", skit performed on Friday and of course the overwhelmingly appreciated SNACKS! The skit was videoed and shown on Sunday June 12.

Confirmation Sunday & New Members: Both events were held on Sunday June 5. Congratulations to all those confirmed into St. Paul's and all welcomed as members of St. Paul's! Please consider attending our picnic on Kickoff Sunday to mingle with our church family.

Visitation Ministry: Rev. Darin is requesting that all those who graciously check-in on our homebound members text or email him after you visit to make sure all are included.

Fellowship Committee: Council decided to temporarily shelve the search for members to restart this committee.

Day of Remembrance Essay Contest: We have learned that the winner of the contest is a girl from the Lewisburg area. We hope to gain contact with the winner to have her come to our church to read her essay with ongoing hope of more essay winners to be forthcoming to share on our home page.

Kickoff Sunday: An afternoon picnic has been planned for September 11; please add the date to your calendar! It will be held at the East Snyder Park, and stay tuned for more details! We plan on returning to wearing our name tags on Kick-off Sunday to help our new members learn more of their faith family.

Game Purchase: A local store offered a corn-hole game set at a greatly reduced price and it was purchased for upcoming events, such as Messy Church, summer picnics and block parties. Try your skills at our summer picnic!

SUN Area Work and Witness: July 27-31 are the planned dates for a collaboration of this group and the Church of the Nazarene to perform mission work in our community. Interest in St. Paul's possibly joining our local Habitat group will continue with a call to possibly join with them on a local project.

Committee Reports:

- **Property and Grounds:** Work continues on our current projects, remote door entry system, concrete replacement and follow-up on energy project recommendations. A bid for the yearly additional purchase of mulch for our well-groomed outside areas was received with the cost of the labor included to spread it. Paying for the mulch and labor is necessitated by the lateness of the summer season and the issue of coordinating volunteers with summer plans to do this ourselves. This is over the budgeted amount for this yearly purchase, but the Finance Committee has assured Council we have sufficient funds to cover the overage.
- **Green Team/LRR Team Updates:** The current, and only, news to mention is BIG! The Team spearheading the start of a Selinsgrove satellite PFLAG group has announced that the first meeting will be held on September 15! A hybrid meeting is planned for the convenience to join online as well as in person. On a personal note, I want to thank ALL those who have joined in bringing this effort to fruition! This includes not only St. Paul's quintessential helpers, but from

our community as well as PFLAG Danville. The addition of this organization's longevity, strength, and our shared knowledge of the many programs to provide assistance to our community has the potential to be nothing short of being a lifesaving help to those we serve.

- **Christian Ed Committee:** Discussion was very positive after a suggestion to consider a Kids Night Out/Parents Night Out Program was fielded. A monthly group gathering was suggested for all age groups and, with sufficient volunteer help, a light meal for the kids seems possible. Connecting with SU was brought up to see if any students would be able to provide assistance. Keep posted!

Next council meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022 @ 7pm, in person and online.

Devotions will be provided by Peggy Peeler.

Additional prayer concerns were mentioned and the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Outgoing Council Secretary, Randy Tanner



We welcomed new members on Pentecost Sunday: (from left to right) Jon and Amanda Stante, Carol Miller, Missy and Jim Ferguson, Becky Phillips, Maria Koch, and Sylvia Knauer (surrounded by her friends Marty Rhoads and Jackie Naugle). Not pictured are Christine Jaegers and Maureen Lewis.

ST. PAUL'S COUNCIL MEETING JULY 12, 2022

Because of the timing of the newsletter publication, these newsletter minutes are not the official, approved minutes. After the minutes have been approved at the next meeting, the final minutes are available upon request.

In Attendance: Sara Adams, Shane Sanders, Sigrid Plajer (guest), Bev Heinemann, Peggy Peeler, Bob Engel, Allen Wetzel, Michael Zettlemoyer, Josh Wenrich, Amy Caron, Rev. Darin Namminga, Randy Tanner, Kim Burkhart, Linda Turner, Marv

Rudnitsky (guest).

Excused: Rev. Dietmar Plajer, Kathy Ulrich.

Minutes of June Meeting: A motion was made by Linda Turner, seconded by Randy Tanner, and approved to accept the minutes as submitted.

Bridal Shop: Marv Rudnitsky joined the meeting to discuss the future of the Bridal Shop. Bob Engel inquired about the fair market value of the property and Marv estimated \$100-\$150k; however, the issue is not whether or not to sell as we would not

be renting again or selling the property. Consensus is that when vacated, the structure would be torn down. Marv explained Triple Net Lease to Council (tenant pays taxes on property and maintains the property; landlord receives rent with no expenses related to the property). We would provide a 1-year notice to the current tenant and advise her that we would not be investing any more money into the property. In this type of lease, the tenant bears all costs of repairs and maintenance. The 30-days' notice to terminate the lease would remain in place and there would be no increase in rent. It was noted that when we tear the structure down, we would then be required to maintain the property. A motion was made by Linda Turner, seconded by Bob Engel, and approved by Council, to have Marv draw up the Triple Net Lease papers, making it effective September 1st. It was agreed that we should designate a communications point person for the tenant to contact, other than Mike Proger. Allen Wetzel and Randy Tanner agreed to talk to Rick Campbell and Joe Erdley to see if either of them would agree to be the point person. At this point, Marv disconnected from Zoom.

Property & Grounds, Other: No updates on open items. Randy Tanner mentioned that there are 2 windows (one in each bathroom upstairs) that don't have blinds on them, allowing no protection from the heat of the afternoon sun. He suggested that something suitable be purchased to provide protection from the heat and agreed to investigate a solution for the windows. Randy will report back at the next Council meeting.

Christian Ed: Sara Adams reported on a proposal made by Torri Stark, and recommended by Christian Ed, to replace the Wednesday Kids Group with a monthly program (temporarily designated as Kids Night Out). The program would be for children preschool through 5th grade and would probably be on a Saturday evening throughout the 9-month school year. If they agree, Sarah Fluke, Tara Gardner, and Mercedes Nadal would assist Torri Stark with the program. There should be no increase in the budget to pay them (last school year we paid Mercedes approximately 2.5 hours per week to work at Kids Group). There still will be opportunities for volunteers to assist with the program. It was suggested that we have a sign-up at Messy Church to reach more children. A suggestion was made that we could possibly put out a call for donations to help fund the program. A motion was made by Randy Tanner, seconded by Josh Wenrich, and approved, to change Torri's job description to reflect the change from weekly Kids Group to Kids Night Out.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was reviewed by Linda Turner. Of special note was a \$5,000 donation for one of the projectors on our Wish List, along with a donation of a lightweight wheel chair. Under Expenses it was noted that a member had made a generous donation to cover the cost of the dishwasher repair. We had Net Income for June of \$5,206.47. Sara Adams made a motion seconded by Bev Heinemann, and

approved by Council, to approve the Financial Report.

Financial Other: It was noted that Bill Hockenbrock had been in the hospital and that we currently have no back-up for the Treasurer position which includes payroll and bill payment. Council recommended that a plan be put in place to ensure there is back-up for the Treasurer position, as well as for the Financial Secretary's position. Peggy Peeler, Linda Turner, and Rev. Darin Namminga will meet to discuss.

For clarification, Peggy Peeler noted that Sigrid Plajer receives two weeks of paid vacation per year. She does not go on sabbatical when Pastor Dietmar does.

Wish List: Sigrid Plajer asked Council's opinion about continuing to promote the Wish List in the August newsletter. It was recommended it be continued, with updates, in the newsletter as well as monthly in the weekly eNews until we receive funds for all items.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Darin Namminga reported that things were going well. He appreciated that more pianists were filling in this summer and stated he'd like the youth to periodically read scripture to ensure we have multi generations participating in the service.

Kickoff Sunday: Sigrid Plajer will place information in the August newsletter and in e-News. Date is September 11 at East Snyder Park from 4-6pm. Property & Grounds will provide grills, hot dogs & buns; Loaves & Fishes will provide ice cream and drinks; Messy Church and Christian Ed will provide activities and games. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own dinnerware and utensils. Dinnerware and utensils should be items that can be taken home and washed and not paper or Styrofoam.

Pool Party: Pool party is Sunday, August 31st from 2-4pm at the Rudnitsky home. For planning purposes, people should sign up through the link on eNews or call the church office. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Chair Project: Eight of the 11 chairs needed have been donated. Shane Sanders is still looking for a wicker chair, an adult rocking chair, and one other chair. (Update as of July 14th, we have all 11 chairs!)

PFLAG: The first meeting is September 15th and it will be a hybrid meeting. More information will follow.

Next Council Meeting: August 9, 2022 - in person and Zoom. Peggy Peeler will be out of town and Randy Tanner will preside over the meeting.

Devotions for next Meeting: Amy Caron.

Prayer concerns were mentioned, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Turner

Council Secretary



VBS was a blast! Thank you to all who made it happen: the children, the many volunteers, and most of all our fearless youth leader, Torri Stark!



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Summer worship Sunday at 10:00 AM

(from June 12 to September 4)

also on Facebook, YouTube, or our website

“God is Still Speaking”

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

We thank God for...



Celebrating Pentecost with Confirmation, baptism, and new member reception!