



Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year is past and the journey of this

Consistory is coming to a close. As we prepare to welcome a new Consistory, the current Consistory would like to thank you for our opportunity to serve you. With great faith and discernment we made decisions that we feel are in the best interest of the congregation. As we put the finishing touches on the Welcome Center, we shift our focus to how we use these renovated spaces to connect with our community, with each other and most importantly, with God. It is exciting to see new and different opportunities to grow our faith; the men's breakfast was so successful that they are requesting to do it again. Financial Peace University, a nine week financial management course, will be offered here at the church with an invitation extended to our neighbors in our community. It is exciting to see us living in our new spaces and it will be exciting to see where the New Year leads us. May our hearts be open and may we always remember...

God is good, all the time; and all the time,
God is good!

Blessings,
The Consistory

COME BACK TO CHRISTMAS

When January comes along, we can continue that sense of comfort and warmth that comes at Christmas by returning to the Christmas story, which gives us two great promises: God understands you and God can redeem you.

I encourage people to make it a point to reread the Christmas story every month and allow Christmas to be Christmas every month. We need to keep coming back to it.

—Max Lucado, *Publishers Weekly* interview

2018 – 2023

A FIVE YEAR CELEBRATION OF HOSPITALITY

In the year 2018, our St. Paul United Church will celebrate 170 years of ministry. From now until our 175th Anniversary in 2023, I ask that this congregation engage in a five year celebration of hospitality. This should be a time for us to engage all of those within our reach so that they will know that they are welcome here. Our outreach should be expansive: to those who are new to our community, to those who have been wounded by their experience of the church, to those who feel for whatever reason that they would not be welcome here, and to those who have fallen away from membership here and are waiting to be welcomed back.

God is calling us to grow the ministries we now provide. God is calling us to offer more opportunities for spiritual growth and ministries of outreach for children, youth, families and men and women of all ages both within and outside of our current church membership.

God is calling us to a ministry of hospitality for all who are seeking (as Pastor Kris reminds us through his benediction) a God who loves us, a Christ who saves us and a Holy Spirit that holds us close to the heart of God. As we share with others, let us experience God's love with all.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

A PRAYER

By
Rev. Reinhold Neihbur

God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this
life,
And supremely happy with You forever in
the next.
Amen.

PASTORS ON CALL OVER THE HOLIDAYS:

Pastor Bob: December 25, 26, 27
(618-978-5579)

Pastor Kris: December 28, 29, 30, 31, January 1, 2
(618-540-7439)

What's Happening at St. Paul?

JYF:

January 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Planning Meeting – Youth Center (3rd floor) parents and calendars requested!



SYF:

January 12-15 – Winter Weekend – for those registered.

Remember to bring your friends. They don't have to go to our church; they just have to have a signed permission slip!!!!

Save the date: July 5-8, 2018, is our Regional Youth Event at Elmhurst College in Chicago. Youth who will be rising 7th graders through just graduated seniors are welcome. Cost will be \$150-\$250 per youth. Chaperones costs are covered. Fundraising opportunities this spring will help lower costs.

Peace,
Pastor Kris



You may remember the many powerful and/or funny live commercials the youth have done in church in January over the last fifteen years; well, they are coming again!! Our Junior Youth Fellowship has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring since 2003. During that time they have raised \$15,500! Every penny of which they have donated to various feeding ministries in Columbia, Southern Illinois and even the Caribbean nation of Haiti. The money is raised through the sale of Super Sub Sandwiches which are hand made with love on Souper Bowl Sunday (February 4) as well as through cash donations in our soup pots on that same Sunday. **Subs can be ordered until Sunday January 28** by stopping by our table in the welcome center or fellowship hall at church or calling Pastor Kris in the church office 281-5102.

Our subs are an excellent value at \$6 for a six inch or \$12 per foot because you are feeding yourself and someone else at the same time!!

Subs can be picked up after each worship service on February 4.

Thank you for helping us to fight hunger,
YOUR Junior Youth Fellowship

The wise men from the East followed a star that led them to the promise king, Jesus, so that they could worship him. The star that signaled the birth of Jesus was a sign to the world that the promised Messiah had come to bring love, peace and mercy to all the people of the world. We can follow signs that lead us to Jesus and worship him still today.



The Sunday school children explored ways in which we can today offer our gifts to Jesus. They worked hard on their gifts as they prepare for the Christmas program, *Follow the Star*. I want to express a thank you to Sue Phillips for sharing her musical talents with our Sunday school children. We could not prepare such a program without her help. I want to thank all teachers, helpers and children who all worked hard during the Saturday and Sunday practices. I want to thank the Board of Christian Education and Dean Riebling for decorating and for making and serving cookies for our Christmas program.

As the children practiced *Shine Jesus Shine*, I wonder what will set our hearts on fire this year? May we all find peace in the message and peace in our prayers and may it bring us together as people who care.

Denise Johnson

Director of Christian Education

Wanted 30 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES to help with a Mini Musical called *Peace In The Kingdom*. We need singers, actors, speakers, dancers, props/scenery helpers, sound system helpers and costume helpers. If you are willing to help then sign up!

Ways to sign up:

1. Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center
2. Call, email or text Sue Phillips msp@htc.net 314-303-7674
3. Call, email or text Denise Johnson denisej@stpaulucc4u.org 618-340-2952

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5 8 am Quilters	6 7 pm Eppinger Event in Sanctuary
7 Communion Sunday Kindercottage Food Collection 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship 6 pm JYF Planning Meeting	8	9 Festival of Faith Paperwork Due 9 am Preschool Resumes	10 9 am Preschool Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 9 am Preschool 7 pm Cemetery Board	12 Sr. High Winter Weekend at Dubois Center 8 am Quilters	13 Sr. High Winter Weekend at Dubois Center
14 Sr. High Winter Weekend at Dubois Center 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed Sr. High Winter Weekend at Dubois Center	16 Pathfinder Articles Due 6:15 pm Finance Committee 7 pm Consistory	17 9 am Preschool Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	18 9 am Preschool	19 8 am Quilters	20
21 9 am Worship Little Friends Preschool 40th Anniversary Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship 6 pm JYS Planning Meeting	22 7 pm Book Discussion Group	23 9 am Preschool	24 9 am Preschool Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	25 9 am Preschool	26 8 am Quilters 8:30 am Pathfinder Assembly	27
28 Deadline to order subs through JYF 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon	29	30 9 am Preschool	31 9 am Preschool Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Chancel Choir			

Festival of Faith 2018

God's Calling You!



"God's Calling You". The United Church of Christ is born out of two major strands of Protestantism and from a famous thought from Martin Luther, A priesthood of all believers. The Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and the UCC affirm that God uses each person to further God's kingdom and bring it here to earth amongst us all. God's Calling You...are you ready to listen?

Saturday, February 17, 2018 through Sunday, February 18, 2018
DuBois Center

Cost: \$30 payable to St. Paul – **Paperwork Due: Jan. 9**

What's Happening at St. Paul?

Below, please find a letter written from our God Child, Vignesh. Please keep in mind, that Vignesh is a 13 year old boy from India, so there are many language barriers.

Dear Aunty,

How are you? I am fine. How is your climate and your job? I enjoy going to school very much and I enjoy as a student. My friends are Raghul and Samuel Swesh is my best friend. My school celebrated sports day. I ran in relay, 400M, 200M, and a 100M. The winner was King House. I am proud I belong to King House. I am studying very well. My favorite subjects are science and English. You have helped me study in this good school. With a lot of extracurricular activities, I participate in kabbodi match in King House. The Chief Guest D. S. P. of Vellore. We did house wish march past winners were King House and the second place was got by Paul House. All my school students played very well. My brother is in 7th grade and my sister is in 12th grade. My sister studies good and has leadership qualities. My dad got into an accident and he is now out of work. Your sponsorship is of great help to me. I can never forget you all my life.

With Love,
Vignesh



LITTLE FRIENDS PRESCHOOL IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

We'd like to invite any past and present students, teachers and families to the 9 a.m. service on January 21. All are welcome! Please spread the word!

If you have a story or special memory you'd like to share, please email it to:
littlefriendspreschool@stpaulucc4u.org

A New You

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.

—G.K. Chesterton

January 22 –

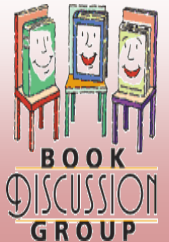
“Lilac Girls”

by Martha Hall Kelly

February 26 –

“The Life She Was Given”

by Ellen Marie Wiseman



Christmas Parade Float

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the 2017 Christmas Parade Float and made it a success. The following is a list of what it takes to put a great float together for St. Paul UCC.

It started with some pre-season painting by Bridget & Molly Rickey and Jamie Toon; Next was Bill Brucker lending a trailer from Electro Door Systems; Luhr Bros. Construction Co. for building speaker stands for mounting the old bell tower; speakers that Scott Kuhnert worked on to be able to hook up to our amplifier and replacing them with new speakers as a donation to the church; Debbie and Jim Combs, with Rhonda and Brian O'Farrell, for setting the stable on the trailer; Bob Elder and Rodney Fassel, who helped me to set up and decorate the rest of the float; Denise Johnson with fitting the costumes and getting them ready and for having extra costume parts to carry in the van.

When parade time came, we needed actors for three parades: Millstadt, Waterloo and Columbia. The actors were as follows:

- Angels: Megan Fix and Emma Mehrmann
- Mary: Anna Kuhnert, Ella Riley and Ally Curry
- Joseph: Blake Roider and Tom Krueger.
- Shepherd: Landon Brucker
- Wisemen/Wise women: Brock and Tom Krueger, Jack Roider, Nathan Jackson, Jennifer Proctor, Molly Rickey, Meredith Mistler and Hayden Habermehl
- Parade Walkers included: Kerri Roider, Dave and Anne Jackson, Scott and Callie Kuhnert, Sandy Becker, Clancey and Kathy Richy, Cathy Krueger and Judy Rickey.
- Co-pilots for safety in the parades: Bob Elder and Shirley Myers

If you are interested in helping next year, we are always looking for more help to get the float ready.

Thanks to all who helped make the Parades great for 2017!

Sincerely,
Paul Straub

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Brannan Hutchinson: Illinois Wesleyan - Physics Degree
Sean Mehaffey: Southern Illinois University - B.S. in Computer Management Information Systems
Nick Rodenberg: Missouri State University - Entertainment Management; Minors in Economics and Leadership
Kara Schmid: Southern Illinois University - Masters, Business Education

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - CLASSES START JANUARY 9, 2018, 6:30 P.M.!

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson money management class that teaches step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off debt, spend wisely, plan for the future and much more. Classes meet for 90 minutes once a week for nine consecutive weeks on the 3rd floor. As a group we'll watch Dave Ramsey present a weekly topic and then discuss each lesson together. The accountability and motivation you receive from discussing the lessons and meeting people face-to-face is the key to changing your life! Please contact Dana Lechner at 314-288-7258 for registration information.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST Saturday, February 10, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go

"Forgiveness is essential to our lives. Without it, no marriage can survive, no family can stay together and no society can be sustained. It is a necessary part of lasting friendships and work relationships." Adam Hamilton shows how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving – even if the person needing to be forgiven is yourself. In his warm, relatable style, Hamilton walks us through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and ask forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness.

You may register after the first of the year in the Welcome Center, the Fellowship Hall serving counter, the church office, or on-line at www.stpaulucc4u.org.

As with our previous breakfast, this ministry is provided through a gift from the estate of Alvira Miller.



Thank you one and all for helping with the Butterbraid, cookie dough and pizza fundraiser. We sold over 217 items and our expected profit amounts to \$1353. Thank you and all profits contribute to the deficit reduction in the general fund!

PUMPKIN PIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who ordered a pumpkin pie or made a donation at Thanksgiving to support my fundraiser. Together, we raised \$515.00 to send to the Good Samaritans For All People. This charity has seasonal giveaways at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and a "Back to School" giveaway in August. They donate clothes, food, furniture, toys and many other items to families in need. They are based in Bishopville, SC, which ranks 25th in cities with the lowest average income in the United States. This organization has been really important to me, ever since I heard about it while attending Camp Dubois a few years ago. The money we raised will go towards making sure kids have a gift under their Christmas tree this year. Thanks so much, again, for supporting this fundraiser and bringing happiness to the lives of so many people.

Luke Volmert

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD IN ECUADOR

February 10 – 19, 2018

No prior construction experience required \$2,200 and passport valid through 8/10/18

Contact Kent Lytle
(618) 792-5599
kent.cara.lytle@att.net

COMING IN 2018

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

In Honor and Memory

Backpack Ministry

Donation given by Jean Carmean

Christian Education Wish List

In memory of Emil and Billie Wohlwend , given by Janice Hopefl

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Mueller

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Norman

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by June Janson

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Cates

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Mickelson

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Jody & Denise Johnson

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Jody & Denise Johnson

CIB

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis

Handbell Fund

In memory of Jerry Landgraf, given by his family

Hospitality Committee

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Carol Giffhorn

Hoyleton

In honor of Sam and Kathleen Habermehl's 40th wedding anniversary, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Glenn

In honor of Kathleen Habermehl's birthday, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Glenn

Kindercottage

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Shirley Asselmeier

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Manley

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Bill Groennert

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Brian & Liz

Mischel & Missy Wohlwend

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Howie Knapp

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schmidt

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mrs. Joe Schneider

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Trexler

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Melissa

Wohlwend

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Arlen

Harres

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs.

Charles Heinle

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Lea Berry

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Kathy Kuehner

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Charlotte Hooch

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by JoAnne Vogt

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by the Distler family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kovarik

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brucker

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Mueller

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Martha Story

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Leola Schueler

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clark Kossina

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by the McCullough Family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Herrmann

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gardner

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Elizabeth Otto

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Richey

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Gregg Giffhorn

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mary Lynn Harres

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hoy

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Joel Harres

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kirkpatrick

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wegner

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Owens

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Rev. Kris & Mrs. Avise-Rouse

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Edna Dell Weinel

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Schutt

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Landgraf

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Don Freeland

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Jo Anne Odem

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Stumpf and family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Pastor Bob Goddard

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kleinschmidt

Labyrinth

In memory of Alvera Miller, given by Pastor Bob Goddard

Memorials and Tributes

In memory of Pearl Halleran, given by Loraine Hoffman

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Seewoester

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Leonard

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hoy

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Rausch

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Stephen and Allan Schmidt, and wives, Karen and Cynthia

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Leonard

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Crosley

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Jo Anne Odem

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Janet Barren

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metzger

Music Fund

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Habermehl

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kuergeleis

In honor of Mike and Patti French's wedding anniversary, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kuergeleis

Renovations Fund

Gift in the name of Robert & Myrna Schiemer

In memory of Kenneth Stumpf, given by Evelyn Stumpf and family

In memory of Eugene Luhr, given by Laverne Schmidt

In memory of Louis and Laura Stumpf, given by Laverne Schmidt

In memory of Kenneth Schmidt, given by Laverne Schmidt

In memory of Janice Wohlwend and Elsie Tate, given by Janice Hopefl

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Kenwood Giffhorn

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Counce

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schmidt

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Blood Systems Renovations

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Bill Groennert

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Fred Harres

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Pellman

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Jane Mauerer

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Shirley Asselmeier

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Manley

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Sandy Kirkpatrick

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Don Pellmann

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Neil Pellmann

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Nobbe

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Evelyn Stumpf

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Al Schmieder

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Burrus

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Carlyle Wilde

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Nora Bennett

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Myron Hanna

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. George Eckert

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Harres

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heifer

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Sieglinde Harper

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Jen Caron

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Linker

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Vise

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Dianne Tosi

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Carol Faust

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stumpf & family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Johanna Wayland

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mary Fassel

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Crosley

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Richter and family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Stumpf

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Barb Miller

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Roger Newton

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Joe Bassy

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wenzel

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dana Montgomery

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Bergmann

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Notter

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Clyde

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mike French

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Shirley Mueller

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Paul Khoury

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Becker and family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by the Hofstetter Family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Judy Rickey

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Reichert

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Mickelson

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by the Kruegers

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Norman

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Janice Hopefl and family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wegner

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Erlene Bretzlaff

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Meyer

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wegner

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Neil Pellmann

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lester

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Will and Shirley Myers and family

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kuergeleis

In memory of Florence Haberl, given by Sandra Stuckmeyer

Special Music Fund

In memory of Jack and Rosemary Mischel, given by Janice Mischel

In memory of Gig Giffhorn, given by Ken Haller

In honor of Liz & Brian Mischel, given by Pastor Bob Goddard

Donation given by Sam and Kathleen Habermehl, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

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Military Prayer List



Nathan Schnittger

U.S. Army
Nephew of Cathy Huels

Roberto DeMarquez

Army National Guard
son of Ursula DeMarquez

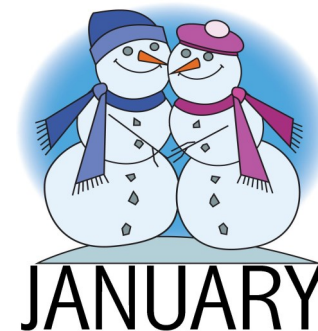
Marine Cpl.

James K. Combs

Son of Jim & Debbie Combs

Sean Parrin

Army National Guard - Qatar
nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake



Pathfinder Volunteers: Nora Bennett, Shirley Harres, Elaine Heatherly, Shirley Hoy, Ron and Lynda Sauer and Dee Steppig

Ushers: Cathie Krueger, Jan Hoffmann, Dan and Rhonda Herrmann, Tammy Krebel, Carla Wenzel, Robin MacLaughlin, Cole Dickerson, Jay Mistler, Gig Giffhorn, Brent and Suzy Mueller, Katie Janssen, Linda Whelan, Jason Kuchinski, Jackson Quante, Paul Straub and Debbie Franke

Greeters: Marlene Hartman, Sharon Weller, Carlyle Wilde, Will Trowbridge, Linda Whelan, Lisa Brennan and Jay and Laura Maddin

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Worship bulletin volunteers: Jan Habermehl, Jo Ann Kossina, Lea Berry and Susan Kuergeleis

Sound Board Volunteers: Will Trowbridge, Carlyle Wilde, Rob Dehn, Robert Kirk, Tom Kuergeleis and Scott Kuhnert

Columbia Nursing & Rehab Volunteers: Sandy Kirkparick, Evelyn Stumpf, Shirley Myers, Helma Kleinschmidt, Shirley Harres, Barb Miller and Ellen Lewis; **and to those who served Communion:** Pastor Fred Wehrenberg and Jean Eckert

Nursery Volunteers: Debbie Steinmann, Faye Mehrmann, Judy Rickey, Kerri Roider and Laura Hoguet

Sunday morning van drivers: Howie Knapp, Gregg Giffhorn, Bob Elder, Celeste Knierim, Gigi Abbott, Dennis Hoguet and Craig Maxiener

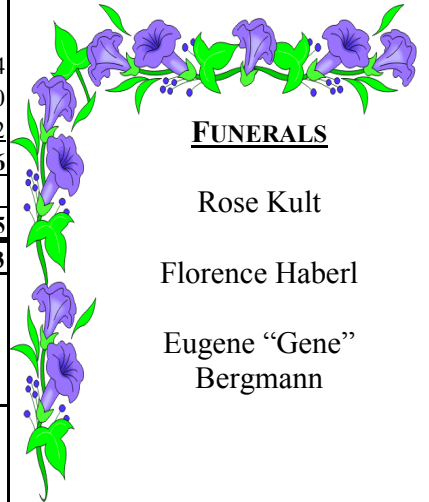


FINANCIAL REPORT

	November		Year to Date	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Revenue				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	27,442.34	32,747.00	357,439.84	355,708.10
Misc. Contributions	695.00	864.25	14,128.99	14,451.98
Interest Income	5.47	0.00	3,160.36	3,126.03
Endowment Interest In- come	0.00	0.00	52,262.20	51,904.04
Rental Income	780.30	330.00	3,961.40	4,211.88
Misc Income	209.65	5,444.10	14,250.33	28,813.28
Total Revenues	29,132.76	39,385.35	445,203.12	458,215.31
Expenses				
Personnel	25,209.77	25,517.53	323,294.90	327,475.34
General Expenses	2,505.79	4,148.11	92,124.99	95,231.30
* OCWM	<u>4,492.93</u>	<u>4,106.34</u>	<u>30,562.53</u>	<u>27,106.42</u>
Total Expenses	32,208.49	33,771.98	445,982.42	449,813.06
Net Receipts	(3,075.73)	5,613.37	(779.30)	8,402.25
RESERVES			61,807.24	71,005.03
*2017 OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)				
RENOVATIONS LOAN				
	Interest	Principal	Principal	
Columbia National Bank	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
	5,452.25	88,282.22	225,322.44	

Attendance

DATE	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
11/5	172	39
11/12	139	53
11/19	181	57
11/26	178	57



FUNERALS

Rose Kult
Florence Haberl
Eugene "Gene" Bergmann

Thank you to the following ladies who helped set up, serve and clean up for the 70 guests at the funeral luncheon for Gig Giffhorn. Lea Berry, Erlene Bretzlaff, Carol Faust, Nadine Gericke, Ellen Lewis and Evelyn Stumpf. Also thank you to those who brought desserts. Shirley Myers and Judy Rickey



Perfect Attendance!

Molly Harres	Jay Mistler
Nathan Jackson	Ella Riley
*Debbie Notter	Grace Trowbridge
*Jenny Schmidt	Christine Wallace
	*Sherry
Junior High	Montgomery
Luke Hornal	*Donna Myers
Anna Daab	
Jack Daab	*denotes teacher
Emery Harres	
	Tom Krueger



ANNUAL HOYLETON BANQUET

Friday, February 9

Four Points - Fairview Heights

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact:

Kathleen Habermehl (314-440-4152)

or Pastor Bob (618-281-5102)

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Banquet and Entertainment: 6:30 p.m. - ?



"THANK YOU!"

When our Annual Report comes out in a few weeks, you will notice that we were remembered in several estates. These allowed to make extra payments on our construction loan balance, make additions to several of our Special Funds, as well as to make additions to our General Expense Fund, which helped us balance our budget.

We ask that you consider St. Paul in your estate planning, no matter the size, you can make a difference.

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WORSHIP SERVICES Sundays, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 FELLOWSHIP TIME Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
 NURSERY Provided for the 9:00 a.m. Services
 HOLY COMMUNION 1st Sunday of every month
 ADULT CLASSES Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. (Nursery through adults)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Wednesdays (Sept. - May) 2:30 p.m.
 CHOIR PRACTICE - Wednesdays (September - May)
 Children's Choir - 4:45 p.m. Chancel Choir - 7:30 p.m.
 HANDBELL CHOIRS - Every Wednesday (September—May)
 Alleluia Ringers - 3:45 p.m. Festive Ringers - 9:00 a.m.
 Bells of Joy - 6:00 p.m.
 ST. PAUL BAND - Every Thursday - 7 p.m. (September - May)

MONTHLY MEETINGS*

Board of Christian Education - 7 pm.....Six times a year, as needed
 Board of Evangelism, 7 pm.-Quarterly - 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Board of Missions & Stewardship, 7 pm.....1st Monday of the month
 Board of Worship, 7:00 pm,.....3rd Monday of the month (as needed)
 Cemetery Board, 7 pm... ..2nd Thursday of the month
 Executive Committee, 6:15 pm - Monday, 2 weeks prior to Consistory
 Finance Committee, 6:15 pm.....prior to Consistory
 Property Management Committee, 7 pm.....1st Monday of the month
 St. Paul Consistory, 7 pm2nd Monday of the month
***Monthly meetings subject to change. Please check calendar.**

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