





We are certainly a blessed community of faith. Our congregation has so much that is positive about it and happening in our life together that we should be truly grateful to God.

Consider the assets one can discover here: a mission and vision that guide our work; a powerful and successful Christian education and youth program; concern for the community around us; a sense of generosity toward mission work beyond our doors; vital worship that informs and inspires us through the words that are spoken, the choral anthems that uplift us, the hymns that flow from our hearts; and much more. And, not even being mentioned are the buildings and grounds that serve as a tremendous base of operations from out of which flows all that we do.

The assets of this congregation are tremendous in terms of the time we donate, the talents we employ, and the money we each commit; all of it done for the glory of God. This, of course, happens because we each know in our heart of hearts that God deserves the response of gratitude from us for how generous God has been to the congregation of St. Paul's. To God by the glory!!

With Love,

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

 February 7	Glow, Beam, Shine - <i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
 February 14	Chosen by God - <i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
 February 21	Where Do We Belong? - <i>Luke 13:31-35</i>
 February 28	Come Home! - <i>Isaiah 55:1-9</i>



Ash Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 pm begins our annual series of Wednesday Lenten Services. Communion will be offered at each gathering. There will be six with the last one occurring on March 16. Make this worship experience part of your Lenten remembrance.

The meditation series for the Wednesday Lenten services will be entitled "Inside Out", inspired by the new Disney movie of that same name. Each Wednesday evening a different emotion (Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, Envy) will be explored as it relates to the living of our faith.

The Ash Wednesday service will be in the sanctuary. All of the following Wednesday services will be held in Heritage Hall.

Communion

Sunday, February 7th, is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. (This makes Easter one of the earliest times it could be, March 27th). So, to begin the Lenten season, the service will be a

communion service helping us to remember what the season of Lent should mean to all of us.

ANNUAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 14, following the 10:30 worship service, there will be a luncheon followed by the Annual Meeting of the congregation. Both events will be held in Fellowship Hall.

The reports of all of the organizations, boards and committees of the congregation will be presented for the congregation's acceptance. The president and vice president of the congregation for the new year will be elected. Unique to this annual meeting will be two items. One is the question of continuing the new 8 a.m. worship each Sunday. The other is the question of whether or not to move forward with the purchase of new hymnals as suggested by our music directors and musicians.

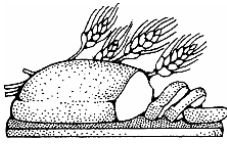
Please be sure to come to worship that day and stay for lunch and the meeting. You'll be glad you did.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all of you who have increased the financial part of your giving to our church's work. If you are one who has not yet increased your contribution, please give some thought to doing so. Any dollar amount added will be important to the church's work. Thank you.

PASTOR AWAY

The Pastor will be off February 15-20. He will be in the pulpit, however, on Sunday the 14th and Sunday, February 21.



BREAKING BREAD **COMMUNITY MEAL**

St. Paul's offers a weekly free community meal, "Breaking Bread." We serve meals from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Thursdays. The schedule for February will be:

- February 4
- February 11
- February 18
- February 25

Are you grieving? The Grand Lake Health System is offering a "2016 Healing Memories Bereavement Support Group", January 7th through March 17th. The group will meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Marys Public Library, Meeting Room A at 3:30 pm. It is free and open to the public. Call Josh Andrews at (419) 733-9249.



Denominational Scholarships Available: Each year, the United Church of Christ Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship selects recipients for 29 different scholarships and grants available to help undergraduates, seminarians and social justice groups pay the cost of their education.

The application process is available on the UCC website, opened on January 1st, it concludes on March 1st.

SUPER BOWL CONCERT

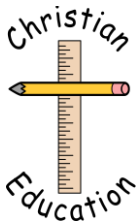
The Lima Area Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present their Super Bowl concert on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at 3:00 pm at the Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Market St., Lima, Ohio.

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES?? Have you moved or have a new telephone number? A new email address? Do you have a child in college or leaving for college soon? We will need their new address too. Keep your church family updated with any new phone/address changes that you may have. Please contact the church office with your updates by either emailing us at smucc@bright.net or calling the church office at (419) 394-3811. Thank you!



Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the ***YOUTH GROUP***. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's, **just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door**. If you have a lot of cans and would like to just take them on to recycling and donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.



February Birthdays!

- 2 - Madi Mauter
- 4 - Morgan Brown
- 4 - Brett Speckman
- 5 - Katie Lucas
- 9 - Alli Long
- 10 - Adam Dieringer

- 10 - Courtney Leffel
- 10 - Alaina Devor
- 15 - Peyton Wilson
- 21 - Mia Hirschfeld
- 28 - Toby Turner

December 2015 perfect attendance

Nursery

- Adelyn Clark
- Henry Klosterman
- Toby Turner

Pre-School

- Aubrey Birt
- Beckett Clark
- Emily Turner

Kindergarten

- Vince Walter
- Haley Anderson

1st and 2nd Grade

- Audra Clark
- Riley Anderson

3rd and 4th Grade

- Caleb Turner
- Cody Birt
- Brynn Clark

5th and 6th Grade

- Tyler Birt
- Brooke Turner
- Calvin Caywood
- Brett Speckman
- Joey Vanderhorst

7th Grade

- Emma Birt
- Brad Speckman
- Leah Walter
- Tricia Yahl

8th Grade Confirmation

- Allison Vanderhorst

Senior High

- Clare Caywood
- Courtney Nuss
- Leah Strand
- Abigail Tuttle
- CJ Vanderhorst

Christian Ed/Sunday School Dates to Remember:

- February 7**-Kids sing in Church/Kids and Congregation bring canned fruit
- February 7**-Card Shop open
- February 21**-Game Night in Fellowship Hall-6:00 pm
- March 6**-SS Band plays at Grace United Methodist music festival
- March 27**-Easter-no Sunday School
- April 3**-Kids sing in Church
- April 9**-Mom to Mom sale
- April 30**-Last installment of \$50 due for NYE
- May 22**-Kids sing in Church
- June 1**-Fishing, Fun and Fellowship
- June 3-5**-2nd annual church picnic and campout
- June 15**-Fishing, Fun and Fellowship
- July 6**-Fishing, Fun and Fellowship
- July 10-13**-VBS
- July 17**-Kids sing in Church
- July 26-30**-National Youth Event-Disney World
- August 20**-Waynestock

National Youth Event

We now have 17 youth and 5 chaperones attending the National Youth Event. This event will be held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida from July 26-30. This entire trip is being funded via fundraisers with the exception of the donation we received in celebration of the life of Tim Young. The participants were asked to contribute money towards the trip as well. We are grateful to all who have supported us in our fundraising efforts. Because of the size of our group, our efforts will continue as we are still in need of \$4500 by April 30 to pay for the remainder of our flights. With that being said, please see below some of the fundraisers we have in the works.

Cash Wall

You will notice in the upcoming weeks a board covered in envelopes with a different cash amount noted on each envelope. We are asking that you choose an envelope and place the specified amount of cash (or check) in the envelope and place it in the offering plates or bring it to the church office during the week. If you do a check please make it out to the Youth Event Fund.

Game Night

Christian Ed is hosting a game night on February 21 in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be sold to this event and light refreshments will be served. This event is for all ages! More details to follow.

Mom to Mom Sale

On Saturday, April 9, Christian Ed will be hosting a Mom to Mom sale from 8 am to noon. Booth space will be sold to individuals and to commercial vendors (one per category) and set up will take place on Friday, April 8 from 6 pm to 8 pm and again on Saturday morning from 7 to 8 am. Moms (and Dads) can purchase booth space and sell items that they might normally place in a garage sale. Commercial vendors such as Doterra Oils, for example, could purchase booth space to sell their items. If you are interested please start saving your items to sell. Christian Ed will receive the money from the booth space rental and each vendor's profits are their own.

Recycling and Concessions

We will continue to participate in these fund raisers offered by the City of St. Marys.

Current Units

We are currently studying Prayer, The Prodigal Sun and Feeding the 5000. We will be performing in church at the 10:30 service on February 7. Note: there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Please attend the Easter Breakfast hosted by the youth and enjoy this glorious day with your family.

Cans of Fruit

We are asking everyone who attends Sunday School and Church on February 7 to bring in a can of fruit. We are trying to build a surplus of food to give to families who are in need. At times we receive word from the schools that a new family has moved in and could use some help and we would like to be able to help.

Church Camp

Information is out on the website and as soon as we receive information here at church we will get it out to our families.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S

Let's get together and have some fun with "Paint and Sip" (cocoa, soda, water, etc.). No experience or talent needed! There will be a \$20 fee to cover materials that will be provided. Step-by-step instruction will be offered. Come join us on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church in Fellowship Hall. Contact either Billie Marsee at (419) 394-8658 or Neva Rowen at (419) 305-7324.

WOMEN'S NEWS

February Mission Project-The mission and outreach project for this month is to aid Crossroad of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Crossroad was founded in 1883 as the Reformed Orphan's Home of Ft. Wayne, IN. As the need for orphanages began to diminish in the 1940's & 1950's, two new services were provided: a home for unwed

mothers known as Woodhaven and services for emotionally troubled children. Crossroad became their name in 1975 & now they are officially known as Crossroad Child & Family Service, Inc. For many years it has been our tradition to gather cookies for Valentine's Day. Last year almost 60 dozen cookies were delivered. Please bake your favorite cookies and bring them to the church kitchen or the elevator room by Sunday morning, February 7th. They can be decorated, plain or bar cookies. Please pack them in a gallon or quart zip lock bag to keep them fresh. Any questions, call Karen Adams.

Soup and Sandwiches-Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, February 14th for soup and sandwiches and, of course, desserts! The annual meeting will follow.

Women's Guild Cabinet- will meet on Wednesday, February 3rd at 3:45 in the lounge. Please feel welcome to attend if you have ideas for future projects, meetings, or any concerns.

Giving Tree-MANY THANKS for all the hats, mittens/gloves and scarves that were displayed on the tree in the sanctuary. Many of these were homemade & all of these items will be much appreciated this winter. 200 items were donated to Goodfellows!

College & Military Addresses – Please let the church office know your address if you are attending college or serving in the military. Even if your address is the same as last year, please confirm this with the office. Also, let us know if you are attending college, but living at home. This information is important for future mailings.

QUILTERS - meets on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-305-1321.

BUSY NEEDLES - Busy Needles meet in the old kitchen on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to ?? We knot lap robes and comforters for local nursing homes, VA hospitals, Shriners hospitals in Cincinnati and Lexington, Ky., and anyone in need to keep warm. We are looking for anyone wanting to help with this Mission. We are nearing a goal of 8000 lap robes and afghans. If you can thread a needle, we need you. Thanks for everyone who has donated fabric and yarn to this Mission. It is through the donations of many this program has continued for over 35 years. It only costs the church for the electricity we use in 3 to 4 hours. For more information, call Margaret 419- 305-1321.



- **To the Current Fund in honor of Mary Hegemier:** Gerald and Connie Hegemier
 - **To the Elevator Fund in memory of Mary Maurer:** Ron and Margaret Hunter, Rev. Ken and Rev. Sandy Hutchinson, Gary and Kathy Kattler, George and Janet Gibson, Boswell Engineering, Inc. and Jeanette Speckman.
 - **To the Mission Endowment Fund in memory of Ray Schmidt:** Rev. Ken and Rev. Sandy Hutchinson
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Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your kindness and your generosity. Agape could not provide for those in need without your help. We hope your holidays are happy and safe.

Bless you,
Kathy Bayless

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Dear Church Family and Consistory,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas bonus this year! Mark and I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness, and have absolutely loved working with the youth of our church! Also thank you to Rev. Bray for the delightful staff meal and Christmas statue. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church! Thank you and God bless!

Amy Dieringer

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, candy and baked goods that you gave to me over the holidays. I appreciated everything. Thank you again.

Love in Christ,
Ruth Seewer

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Dear Rev. Bray and my St. Paul’s family,
There are not enough words to thank you for all you have done for me during my recent surgery. The thoughts, prayers, visits and cards were greatly appreciated.

God bless all of you.
Inez Weisenbarger

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Dear members of St. Paul’s:
It is my sincere pleasure to thank the congregation for the recent gift to Heidelberg University. Your support demonstrates you believe in Heidelberg University and tells our students and faculty that someone believes in them.

Thank you again,
Sue Berryman, Coordinator of Alumni
Engagement and Donor Relations

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Dear Rev. Bray:
Thank you to the members of your church for the kind gift to Defiance College. Gifts to the Defiance Fund open a world of transforming experiences and opportunities to today’s DC students. Your support is important to our success, and is very much appreciated. We are grateful for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Michele J. Tinker
Director of the Defiance Fund

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Dear St. Paul’s UCC,

We would like to say thank you to all of our friends and church family who supported and prayed for Howard and the Dickman family during Howard's health problems the last few years and his passing this past October.

We are especially thankful for the visits by Rev. Bray and Al Baker. The wonderful funeral service involving Rev. Bray's message, Ann Vogel's music, Rich Spencer's recording and funeral dinner provided by the ladies of the church were greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all,
The family of Howard Dickman

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To the Congregation of St. Paul's UCC:
Thank you for supporting the life and health of Outdoor Ministries. We appreciate your faithful support of this information ministry as we continue to partner with local congregations to connect God's people with nature for Faith Formation Spiritual Growth and Leadership Development.

In Service to Christ,
Rev. Phil Hart
Conference Minister

CALL-EM-ALL - Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. **Also, please contact the office if you would like to be removed from the calling list or listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will remove your number from the calling list.** Thank you!
'BREAKING BREAD' COMMUNITY DINNER - If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly

community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted.

FOR THE RECORDS - INFORM US PLEASE!!

☎ If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.

☎ Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birth**day or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!

☎ **Home phone # for Pastor Ed** is 419-300-9771

✉ **smucc@bright.net** - church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/messages for the Sunday bulletin.

✉ **ebray@bright.net** is Rev. Bray's personal email address if you would like to contact him.

✉ **christianed@bright.net** - Christian Education and Youth Director email address.

✉ **ssullivan@stpaulsuccsm.com** to contact Sharon Sullivan for the Email Prayer Chain Requests.

🌐 **www.stpaulsuccsm.com** - church web site address

☺ **Televised worship service**- our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 OR non-digital channel 2,** every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one week delay of the service shown.

STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S UCC:

- ... **Rev. Dr. Eddie A. Bray Jr., Pastor**
- ... **Al Baker, Minister of Visitation**
- ... **Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant**
- ... **Amy Dieringer, Youth Director**

- ... **Laura Yelton, Director of Children's Choirs, C.E. Coordinator**
- ... **Becky Anderson, Director of Music**
- ... **Andrea Spencer, Organist**
- ... **Ann Vogel, Organist**
- ... **Tom Hevlin, Organist Emeritus**
- ... **Bob Schumacher, Custodian**
- ... **Rich Spencer, Audio and Video**
- ... **Sharon Sullivan, Email Prayer Chain Contact**
- ... **Julie Speckman, Church School Superintendent**
- ... **Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher**
- ... **Kathy McGee, Sunday Nursery Supervisor**

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LOCATION FOR LABELS/BOXES DROP OFF - There is a box inside the church parking lot door for labels, boxes and receipts for the MR/DD Program. Please be sure they are in a bag when you place them in the box. Thanks so much for saving these items!!

KROGER FUND RAISER FOR THE WOMEN'S GUILD - If you would like to support Women's Guild with the Kroger fundraiser, log on to: www.Krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up and register your Kroger **Plus** card. Our NPO# is 82083 If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.

EYEGASSES FOR THE NEEDY - collected by the church school classes. Donated glasses should be placed in the basket at the North entrance to the sanctuary.

LIFT CHAIR is available for 'loan' to anyone in the church who might have a need for it. Please call the church office for more information.

ATLAS 600 VISION MACHINE - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers. **This item is currently available.**

ANOTHER VISION MACHINE - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers. **This item is currently available to church members on a “temporary” basis. If you are interested in checking out this machine, please contact the church office.**

WALKERS - If you have need of a walker for assistance in getting around, please call the church office. One of our church members has several different type walkers, which are available for loan.

RESTROOM ITEMS: If you have a need for shower chairs, toilet set elevators and hand held shower adapters, please call the church office. One of our church members has graciously donated a few of these items.

LAMINATOR - available in the church office. This is used by the Sunday School teachers for classroom projects and activities and by the office staff. We will also laminate items for church members for a fee of \$1.00 per item (**NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches**).

OFFERING ENVELOPES - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes

and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also.....**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

COPIES - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, it is best to call ahead. **Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.**

THE DVD/CD DUPLICATOR in the church office enables us to make multiple copies of the morning worship service. Please call the church office to request a copy. **The charge for duplicating a DVD will be \$2.00 each.** Monthly sets of worship DVD's can also be mailed at a cost of \$10.00 per month. Call the church office for more information.

2015 CHURCH OFFICIALS

President of Congregation	Ron Ketchum
Vice-president of Congregation	Jim Huckemeyer
President of Consistory	Lori Scheer
Vice-president of Consistory	Cindy Huckemeyer

2016 Members of Consistory

Elders:	Pam Scheer	Bob Klein	Tom Dickman
	John Holtzapple	Bernie Schroer	Sharon Sullivan
	Diane Gayer		
Deacons:	Marsha Landers	Joan Smith	
	Lynn Schmidt	Cindy Huckemeyer	
	Mary Holtzapple	Ron Kline	
	Michael Briggs	Adele Fast	
	Billie Marsee	Jami Leffel	
	Becky Rasaweher		
Trustees:	Fred Scheer, Chuck Greenawalt and Glenn Hadley		

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2015:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through December 31, 2015 = \$248,635.00
- Received through December 31, 2015 = \$245,395.89
- Expenses through December 31, 2015 = \$232,283.00
- Received through December 31, **2014** = \$238,426.00

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through December 31, 2015 = \$25,000.00
- Received through December 31, 2015 = \$21,838.78
- Received through December 31, **2014** = \$24,372.00

Status of 2016 Budget:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through January 31, 2016 = \$21,815.83
- Budgeted through January 17, 2016 = \$13,089.51
- Received through January 17, 2016 = \$16,299.00

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through January 31, 2016 = \$2,083.00
- Budgeted through January 17, 2016 = \$1,251.00
- Received through January 17, 2016 = \$1,286.00

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 2016 CONSISTORY MEETING

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved with a motion by Tim Hirschfeld; seconded by Lynda Hadley. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE: Jami Leffel

- There are now a total of 21 youth/adults planning on attending the National Youth Event.
- The youth recently went to Winterjam. Four youth and four adults attended and had a great time.
- The N.W. Ohio Association overnight scheduled for this weekend at the Van Wert YMCA has been canceled due to lack of interest.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Dickman

- Dave reviewed the December 2015 Financial Report. The Financial Report was approved with a motion by Lynda Hadley; seconded by Jane Nuss. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lori Scheer

- Nothing to report, but passed around thank you notes from staff members.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Bray

- Rev. Bray outlined his activities for the month of December
- The two Sunday service schedule is going well. It is noted that members who haven't been attending in the past are now attending.

MINISTER OF VISITATION REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Dave Dickman

- There is a \$2,700 balance in the Master Savings Scholarship Fund. Would Consistory be interested in investing the money with Edward Jones. Lynda Hadley made a motion to have the money invested; seconded by Jane Nuss. Motion carried.

Trustees: Tim Hirschfeld

- The non-profit tax paperwork (for the property next door) has been filed with the County Auditor.
- Trustees will be making some lighting and heating upgrades to lower the electric bill.
- The Heritage Hall piano did not receive any bids. Anyone interested in the piano will have to pay the cost to have it moved.

Elders: No report

Deacons: Lynda Hadley

- Christmas Eve communion went well at both services.
- Candlelight Service candles for 2016 Christmas are good to go. Christian Ed and Nurture will need to replace batteries in the candles they hand out to the kids.

Endowment Committee: Lynda Hadley

- Bill Zink has designed a new promotional flyer entailing information for donating to various funds here at St. Paul's (a draft of the flyer was passed out to Consistory members). Consistory members were asked to review the flyer and let Lynda know of any changes and/or suggestions. Money designated for the Stewardship Fund will help pay the cost of printing. Tim Hirschfeld made a motion to proceed with the flyer; seconded by Marsha Landers. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Lori asked Consistory Members for nominations for 2016 Consistory President and Vice President. Lynda Hadley nominated Cindy Huckemeyer as President. No other nominations were made. Tim Hirschfeld made a motion to approve Cindy as President; seconded by Marsha Landers. Motion carried.
- President Lori asked Consistory Members for nomination for 2016 Consistory Vice President. With no nominations made, President Lori asked Bob Klein if he would be interested in being the Vice President. Tim Hirschfeld made a motion to approve Bob as Vice President; seconded by Lynn Schmidt. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held for volunteers for Head Deacon. Lynn Schmidt and Marsha Landers agreed to be Co-Head Deacon. Bob Klein made a motion to accept Lynn and Marsha as Co-Head Deacons; seconded by Bernie Schroer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consistory President thanked those Consistory members whose term ended and they were released from the meeting. New Consistory members were welcomed.

- New Consistory President, Cindy Huckemeyer, took over the meeting.
- Discussion regarding the upcoming Lenten season and where the offerings collected at the Wednesday services during that time should go. Fred Scheer made a motion to continue with supporting the N.W. Ohio Association UCC Disaster Relief team. Bob Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- President Cindy asked permission from the Consistory to designate the loose offering for the first Sunday in February to go to Back Bay Mission. Pam Scheer made a motion to approve this request; Marsha Landers seconded. Motion carried.
- Fred Scheer discussed the cost of mailing The Communicator vs. email and website in order to save money. Discussion was held regarding the approach to congregation members and also for Carolyn to double check with the post office as to what the bare minimum amount is allowed to be mailed out in order to not lose our Bulk Mail/Permit with the post office. Discussion is tabled until the February meeting.
- Lynn Schmidt asked that Deacons and Elders meet fifteen minutes prior to the next Consistory meeting in order to do a run through of the Communion Processional.

There being no further regular business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with a motion by Bernie Schroer; seconded by Lynn Schmidt.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Scheer, 2015 Consistory President
Cindy Huckemeyer, 2016 Consistory President
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

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***Deadline*** for articles, announcements, etc. for the March 2016 issue of *The Communicator* will be **February 17th**