



Happy (Early!) Easter!

What a joy it has been to journey with you through this Lenten season.

Easter will arrive on the 5th of April and will begin the Season of Easter that continues through the Ascension on May 14th and concludes with Pentecost on May 24th. Ascension is the 40th day of Jesus' appearances on earth with the disciples after his resurrection. On that day we have the story in Acts 1 of Jesus being lifted up or ascending into heaven to return to God. Pentecost is then the 50th day and the day of the Holy Spirit coming in power to the disciples in Jerusalem in Acts 2. The 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter deal with appearances of Jesus and the rest deal with "witnessing" to Jesus.

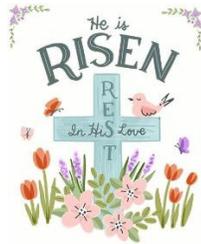
As I do my weekly E-news Word of the Week article, I've been thinking lately about the Greek perfect tense. I get that grammar is not a particularly compelling topic of conversation, but this is actually pretty cool. This tense indicates that it is a single action, completed once, but having continuing and continuous effects. It is my hope that your Lenten disciplines have been made in the "perfect tense," that is, that those disciplines and perhaps even changes in your life have led to a new understanding of who Jesus is and who we as Christians are, or of a new way of doing and being a follower of Christ, and are continuing to have those effects into the Easter season.

On a related note, I am grateful, through that Word of the Week article, to be able to spend more time in the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures. This was one of my great joys in seminary, but in the day-to-day work as a pastor, sometimes it is difficult to take the time to really dig into the original text – it's so much easier just to use the English. It has been a joy (and I hope it has improved my teaching and preaching) to be "hitting the books" again. Although it is occasionally tough to choose a word or phrase, I hope to be able to continue this discipline through the rest of the year. I hope you are finding that column to be of benefit.

May God continue to amaze you this Easter Season.

Pastor Jim

Our Church Family



Food Pantry News

During the month of February, 97 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 291 people being helped.



"April Showers bring May Flowers".

During the month of April, the Food Pantry would like to "shower" clients with household cleaning supplies and toiletries. We are asking for donations of these items through April. Thank you.

Food Pantry Committee



We continue to keep in our prayers Laretta, Kristie N., Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Chuck and Marlene, Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Bob R., Sandy R., Carolyn M., Kristie N., Jackie and Norma K.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P.

The Worship Committee is looking for a volunteer to be the Communion Stewart. This is the person who prepares Communion on the first Sunday of the month and for special services. Also requires cleaning up and putting away the Communion ware. If there are any questions, please see a Worship Committee member.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026:
10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026:
7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3, 2026:
Noon

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026:
6:30 AM • 10:30 AM

Easter Breakfast (April 5)
7:00 - 10:00 AM



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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Our giving in 2026...

Based on our budget for 2026 our offering each week needs to average \$2190.29

2026 Monthly Attendance Average

January: 21
February: 24
March:
April:
May:
June:
July:
August:
September:
October:
November:
December:

March Attendance:

March 1: 25
March 8: 20
March 15: 30
March 22: 35
March 29:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
March 1	\$ 1785.00	\$ 45.00
March 8	\$ 1710.00	\$ 50.00
March 15	\$ 100.00	\$ 365.00
March 22	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.00
March 29		

Our giving in 2025...

January Average:	\$ 1478.33
February Average:	\$ 1226.25
March Average:	\$
April Average:	\$
May Average:	\$
June Average:	\$
July Average:	\$
August Average:	\$
September Average:	\$
October Average:	\$
November Average:	\$
December Average:	\$

Please remember to invite our inactive members, as well as your family and friends, to worship. Evangelism and hospitality go hand in hand!

Our Guests



SNEAK PEEK!
2026
SUMMER

June	6/21 - 6/26/26 High School Camp (Completed 8 th - 12 th grade) 6/29 - 7/3/26 Family Camp (all ages)
July	7/5 - 7/10/26 All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9) 7/12 - 7/17/26 All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9) 7/19 - 7/23/26 Adventures in Community (ages 18+)



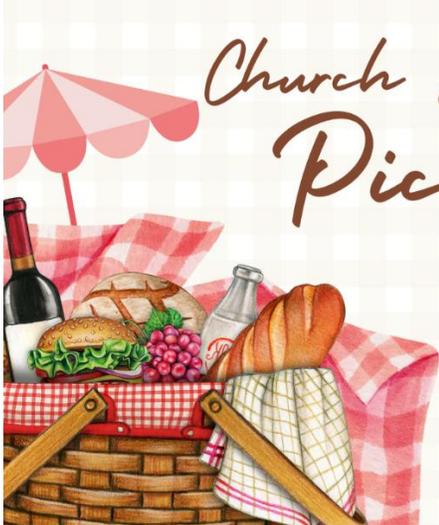
Hymn Sing
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Worship-10:30 AM

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If you play an instrument, you are more than welcome to bring it and play along.



Church family
Picnic

Saturday,
May 2,
2026

More details
to come!



Spring
TRIVIA
MAY 16, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
GAME STARTS AT 6 PM

PLEASE BRING
A CANNED/DRY
GOOD(S) FOR
THE FOOD
PANTRY!



NON-ALCOHOLIC
EVENT.
CHURCH WILL
PROVIDE DRINKS

ST PAUL UCC - OLD MONROE,
903 MEIER ROAD, OLD MONROE

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2026

PRESENT: Jerry Gifford, Glenda Keetemen, Jennifer Schulte, Chris Dickmeyer, Karol Keeteman, Rev. Jim Oleson, Joann Jungermann, Treasurer (non-member)

ABSENT:

Opening Prayer – Jerry

Quorum Count (Four (4) = ½ plus one total Council members) – Jennifer, Quorum present

Guest – Chris Sprinkle from Church Mutual Insurance – Reviewed policy with the agent.

Review of Agenda – Glenda made motion to accept with changes; seconded by Jennifer. No discussion, motion passed.

- **Treasurers Report** – Chris made motion to accept as written, seconded by Glenda. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Secretary's Report** – Glenda made motion to accept as written, seconded by Karol. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jim presented his report. No mileage at this time that needs to be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Worship – Christopher** – Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm.
2. **Grounds Committee – Jennifer** – nothing to report.
3. **Christian Nurture – Jennifer** – Soup/Chili cookoff is scheduled for 2/22. Trivia that was scheduled for 3/1, has been cancelled. April 5th will be Easter Breakfast.
4. **Stewardship – Glenda** – they have decided the offerings for the next couple of months.
5. **Finance – Joann** – nothing to report.
6. **Boy Scouts – Jerry** – nothing to report
7. **Food Pantry – Karol** – they are in need of food.
8. **Bright Futures – Glenda** – nothing to report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Signs – approvals have been given. Just waiting on the signs to be placed.
- Painting hallway in Christian Ed Building – still in progress
- Lights – still in progress
- Sanctuary Thermostat – still in progress.
- Sanctuary Flooring – completed.
- Painting Schoolhouse – still in progress
- Gift Acceptance Policies/Undesignated Fund – still in progress
- Walkers during service – completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joann's Vacation – Joann has requested to take vacation from April 21st to April 24th. Her vacation was approved.
- Possible Candidate for Joann's position – approved prospect to shadow Joann.
- Moving Dehumidifier to back of church – Chris suggested to move towards the back to get out of the isle.

Next Meeting

- **Date & Time** – March 16th @ 5:30pm
- **Opening Prayer** – Chris

ENTERTAIN MOTION TO CLOSE – Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Glenda. No discussion, motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER – Lord's Prayer

Respectively submit
Jennifer Schulte, Council Secretary

The lilies and geraniums which decorate our Sanctuary this Easter were given by the following people:

Christopher Dickmeyer and Bobby Roskowske in memory of Bev Dickmeyer and Bob Roskowske Sr.

Larry and Joyce Noble in memory of our families.

Larry and Joyce Noble in honor of our families.

Daryl and Julie Rhodes in memory of Robert and Erleen Ostmann.

Marla Stewart in memory of Dale and Wanda Stewart.

Lauretta Thomas and Jeff Thomas and family in memory of Joyce Thomas.

Eric and Carolyn Token in memory of Robert and Erleen Ostmann.

The following people made contributions to the General Fund in lieu of flowers:

Stan and Ann Rolf in honor of our grandchildren.



April Stewardship

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

In April, the special offering is the United Church of Christ's Our Church's Wider Mission. Donations to Our Church's Wider Mission help programs on the local, conference and national level, with the majority of donations remaining in your local conference. The donations help support leadership initiatives including one-on-one mentoring, ministry committees and sharing of resources and experiences.

Through Our Church's Wider Mission, we also support the National Ministries of the UCC, who partner with our Conference and local congregations, to put love into action through:

1. Love of Church - supporting local churches with worship and faith forming publications, resources and educational resources.
2. Love of Neighbor - encouraging and supporting global, multiracial and multicultural churches.
3. Love of Service – supporting the national administrative services including marketing, communications and administrative areas.

Remember, the majority of OCWM funds remain in their conference to support local congregations. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Church's Wider Mission during the month of April.

The Stewardship Committee

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	2 Service 7:00pm <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	3 Service Noon <i>Good Friday</i>	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
5 6:30am Sunrise Service 7am-10am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Regular Service <i>EASTER</i>	6 Scouts 7:00 pm	7 Cub Scouts 7pm	8 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	9	10	11
12 Hymn Sing 10:30am	13 Scouts 7:00 pm	14 Cub Scouts 7pm	15 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	16	17	18
19	20 Council Meeting 5:15pm Scouts 7:00pm	21 Cub Scouts 7pm	22 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	23	24	25
		Joann on Vacation				
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Sunday

Book/Bible Study (Sept. thru May).....9:15am

Worship.....10:30am

Coffee and Fellowship.....11:30am

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Member.....Chris Dickmeyer.....636-383-2079

Member.....Karol Keeteman.....636-667-5144

Treasurer.....Joann Jungermann.....636-665-5329
(Non-member)



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