



Happy Easter!

What a joy it has been to journey with you through our second Easter season together. We are still feeling wonderfully blessed at having been called here, and are excited at all the wonderful things we see happening here and all the possibilities of ministry and mission that lie in our future.

We begin the season of Pentecost shortly after mid-month, on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Pentecost is the third of the three big Holy days of the church (the others being Easter and Christmas, of course). Pentecost, however, runs a distant third in importance, however, which is a bit of a pity, I think. Pentecost is the season in which we celebrate the Holy Spirit. As the members of our Bible Study group will tell you, the Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity with which I am the most fascinated.

The Holy Spirit is kind of a rule-breaker, showing up not only where we would expect, but also at times and places where nobody would expect. It is interesting to me that in both Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek, the word for spirit also means breath or wind. I think that is a really good way to think about the Spirit – just like the wind, it “blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.” (John 3:8). And just like breath, it is vital to our lives and to the life of the church. Without the Spirit, there would be no life.

Another image of the Holy Spirit that I am really fond of is from the early Celtic Christians, who saw the movements of the Holy Spirit as a wild goose; a much different way from the traditional image of the Holy Spirit as a dove. The Holy Spirit has a tendency to disrupt and surprise, moving in our lives in an unexpected fashion, similar to the actions of a wild goose.

I am excited to be entering into this season of the Spirit, and look forward to getting to know the Spirit a little better during this season of the church year.

May God shower you with blessings!

Pastor Jim

Our Church Family



Food Pantry News

During the month of March, 100 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 372 people being helped.

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.

This week we added Jane M. to our prayers for her long-term circumstances.

We continue to keep in our prayers Laretta, Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Chuck and Marlene, Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Bob R., Sandy R., Carolyn M., Jackie, Norma K., Diane B., the family of Donna V. and the family of Hunter G.

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

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

2026 Monthly Attendance Average

January: 21
February: 24
March: 28
April: 27
May:
June:
July:
August:
September:
October:
November:
December:

March Attendance:

March 29: 32

April Attendance:

April 5: 53 (Easter)
April 12: 22
April 19: 24
April 26: 26

Our giving in 2026...

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
March 29	\$ 1730.00	\$ 50.00
April 5	\$ 3370.53	\$ 45.00
April 12	\$ 1290.00	\$ 0.00
April 19	\$ 890.00	\$ 50.00
April 26	\$ 515.00	\$ 0.00

Our giving in 2025...

January Average:	\$ 1478.33
February Average:	\$ 1226.25
March Average:	\$ 1160.00
April Average:	\$ 1070.00
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

John & Karen Polizzi
Larry & Sherry Mehrle



Ushers/Greeters

May 3	Stan & Ann Rolf		
May 10	Glenda & Karol Keeteman		Brenda Kiefer 08
May 17	Bob Bothe & Jennifer Schulte		Lauretta Thomas 09
May 24	Liza Oleson & Karol Keeteman		Larry Noble 11
May 31	Linda Meier & Janet Drown	F	David Gifford 30



Acolytes

May 3	Joyce Noble
May 10	Bobby Roskowske
May 17	Jennifer Schulte
May 24	Marla Stewart
May 31	Bobby Roskowske or Christopher Dickmeyer



Fellowship Hour Servers

May 3	Messenger
May 10	Food Pantry
May 17	PPR
May 24	Stewardship
May 31	Worship

Food Pantry Schedule

May 6	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Phyllis & Norma Jane & Janet
May 13	11am to 1pm 4 to 6 pm	Karol & Georgia Joyce & Richard
May 20	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Steve & Norma Liza & Jane
May 27	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Steve & Karol Liza & Janet



Church family Picnic

Saturday, May
2, 2026

4pm at the
Church Pavilion.
Please bring a
dish for
everyone to
enjoy.



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

March 16, 2026

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

ABSENT:

Opening Prayer – Chris

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

Review of Agenda – made motion to accept with changes; seconded by . 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. Jennifer made motion to accept as written, seconded by Chris. No discussion, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Worship – Christopher** –meeting Thursday at 7pm. Planning Good Friday service at noon including Friedens. Also, Easter Services at 6:30 & 10:30.
2. **Grounds Committee – Jennifer** – 2 trees were removed. They are working to repair the leak in the Ed building which is underground.
3. **Christian Nurture – Jennifer** – Easter Breakfast from 7-10am. Hymn Sing on April 12th and Spring Triva on May 16th.
4. **Stewardship – Glenda** – nothing to report
5. **Finance – Joann** – nothing to report.
6. **Boy Scouts – Jerry** – Eagle projects are going to be presented for 2 scouts.
7. **Food Pantry – Karol** – ¼ of a cow and a whole hog is be delivered. Also waiting on deliver of the Girl Scouts April Shower donation.
8. **Bright Futures – Glenda** – Summertime Back to School event, more details to come closer to the event.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Signs – still in progress
- Painting hallway in Christian Ed Building – still in progress
- Lights – still in progress
- Sanctuary Thermostat – still in progress.
- Painting Schoolhouse – Boy Scouts are still planning on completing once the weather permits for the work to be done.
- Gift Acceptance Policies/Undesignated Fund – still in progress
- Moving dehumidifier – has been moved

NEW BUSINESS:

- Church Photos – we would like to resume church memories by photos. We are asking for everyone to share photos if they are taking them at any of our events. Photo releases will need to be signed.
- Messenger Mailing List – we went through and updated the current mailing list.
- Community Partnership Renewal – Glenda made motion to renew, second by Chris. No discussion, motion passed.
- Question for Church Mutual Insurance – we reviewed questions/answers from our meeting with Chris.
- Boy Scouts – Chris Palmer presented his Eagle Scout project to build a bench around the fire pit. Chris made the motion to accept the Eagle Scout project, seconded by Glenda. No discussion, motion passed.

Next Meeting

- **Date & Time** – April 20 @ 5:15pm
- **Opening Prayer** – Karol

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

CLOSING PRAYER – Lord's Prayer

Respectively submitted:

Jennifer Schulte, Council Secretary

May Stewardship

The Dream Center

The Dream Center in Troy, a faith based residential recovery program, is Stewardship's May special mission offering. Serving both men and women, the Dream Center currently has an extensive waiting list due to the overwhelming need.

At the Dream Center, programs focus on helping clients overcome life controlling issues including alcohol abuse, drug abuse and depression. The residential program provides clients with a structured environment and minimal distractions, optimizing the opportunity to develop healthier lifestyle habits and better decision-making skills, helping lay a foundation for a stronger future.

Services at the Dream Center include substance abuse programs, support groups and individual counseling. Food, housing, educational programs and counseling are all provided at no cost. Support to help secure employment and permanent housing upon completion of the program are also a major focus.

In today's world, where there are so many negative distractions, broken relationships and isolated individuals who have experienced dark places in their lives, consider being the light of Jesus. Help the Dream Center, a light in our wider community, assist individuals build a brighter future.

The Stewardship Committee

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Family Picnic 4:00pm
3	4 Scouts 7:00 pm	5 Cub Scouts 7pm	6 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 Council Meeting 5:15pm Scouts 7:00 pm	12 Cub Scouts 7pm	13 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	14	15	16 Spring Trivia Doors open at 5:30pm
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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.....Karol Keeteman.....636-667-5144

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