I’m a little delirious with happiness. Within the blink of an eye, it seems like we’ve gone from Merry Christmas, to Happy New Year, to Happy Easter. Where did the time go? How did it pass so quickly?

I’m afraid to blink again. Coming just around the corner is: Juggling Jeff, Presentation Sunday for the Confirmands (May 1), Confirmation Sunday (May 15), Mother’s Day, graduations—

I remember learning in seminary that the prayer of those lamenting is, “How long, O Lord?” I wonder what the prayer of those rejoicing might be? “Why so quick, O Lord?” “What’s the hurry?” “How soon must I be ready for the next go around?”

Too bad we can’t linger a bit in the moment—enjoying the holidays, the holy days—as Jesus would have wanted us to do. Not looking past them to the next one on the calendar, but allowing the magnificence, the wonder, the splendor of them all to seep into our souls.

A long time ago there was a television show called “Touched by an Angel.” I remember one show in particular. Something wonderful had just happened. No one quite knew how to react. Should we write a thank you note? Shall we shake our heads in acknowledgement? Should we pat the angel on their back? Finally, Della Reese, who played the angel, broke the silence. “Honey,” she said, “this is no ordinary event. This is a run and tell your neighbor miracle!”

I don’t ever want to miss a “run and tell your neighbor” miracle because I feel too busy, or too preoccupied, or too worried about what’s coming next. I don’t want happiness to make me so dizzy that I find myself running in circles. I want to be able to have time, or take time, to sing and dance and thank the Lord for the goodness of the day, for the gift of life, for the presence of love.

I’ve had a song running through my head this Easter time. I found a version of it in our hymnal. Here’s the first verse:

O happy day that fixed by choice on Thee,  
my Savior and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice  
and tell its raptures all abroad.  
Happy day, happy day,  
when Jesus washed my sins away!  
He taught me how to watch and pray  
and live rejoicing every day.  
Happy day, happy day,  
when Jesus washed my sins away!

Now that’s a miracle worth telling, worth savoring, worth appreciating, worth blowing a kiss heavenward.

I hope you all had a very special and blessed Easter. I hope you had time for yourself, and most importantly, time also for God.

Many Blessings,  
Pastor Donna
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April Extra Step - Turning Point

Emergency Shelter and Supportive Services for Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence.

(See page 3 for more information)

St. Paul’s UCC Staff

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MISSION MOMENT

During the season of Lent, we collected stuffed animals for the Care4Ghana.com surgical mission trip team to hand out to children at a hospital in Ghana, Africa. We are pleased to report that St. Paul’s UCC collected 220 of these small stuffed toys.

Thanks to all who contributed to putting smiles on the faces of little ones during a difficult time!

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Turning Point Mission (continued from page 2)

Turning Point was founded to provide shelter and services for victims of domestic violence. Recently adding sexual assault victims, Turning Point believes in the right of all people to live free from violence. Turning Point seeks to reduce the incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault and the devastating effect it has on the lives of the victim and her children. Turning Point strives to provide a safe haven and services for victims and educate the general public.

Turning Point shelters 75 women and 100 children annually, providing them with over 280 bed nights. Services are not limited to residents of the shelter, or women. Ninety-nine additional families were assisted with legal issues, case management and referrals in 2007. Part of the shelter staff’s salary is paid by a Department of Public Safety Grant. Turning Point has four full-time and five part-time employees. An on-site Licensed Counselor’s services were added in 1999.

An annex building, funded by a Community Development Block Grant was completed in 2002. It enables Turning Point to provide a location for victims to meet with attorneys, counselors, clergy, law enforcement and Family Services. The confidentiality of the victim is much easier to maintain.

An 800 number is maintained 24 hours a day/7 days a week for victims’ convenience and safety. This number does not appear on their telephone bill.

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Quilters meet on Mondays. You don’t have to be a member of St. Paul’s UCC to stitch with us. So, invite your quilting friends to join us! This is also an excellent opportunity to learn if you are not a seasoned quilter. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Audrey Meyer at 433-2210 with questions or inquiries.
Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC
Annual Women’s Retreat

April 29-May 1, 2016
Camp MoVal, Union, MO

“Finding Freedom in Forgiveness”

Keynote Speakers:
Susan Drake & Julie Jennings

Cost: $50 – $100 (depending on length of stay). Includes lodging, meals, all activities and program materials. T-shirt, optional, is $10.

Return completed registration form (in the lobby) and payment by April 1, 2016.

The Marthasville Fire Dept. Auxiliary
Spaghetti Supper
St. Paul’s UCC Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 8th – 4-7pm

Everyone is encouraged to support this event.

The Adult Social Connection
will meet at 7pm on the West Side of the Fellowship Hall, following dinner, for an evening of games!

Everyone is welcome!!

Please bring any favorite games you may have; we are always up for learning a new one!!
ALTAR FLOWERS:

March 6: in memory of Donald Bunge, whose birthday was March 8th, by Doris Bunge.
March 13: in memory of Grace Wilson, whose birthday was March 12th, by Lynette Woolley.
**Extra arrangement in memory of Rueben Eichmeyer, who passed away one year ago today, by Mabel Eichmeyer.**
March 20: in honor of Jamieson Ogle’s birthday on March 18, by Jim & Terri Ogle.
March 27: in memory of Ken DeVore, who passed away eight years ago yesterday, by Robbin, Jacob, and Isaiah DeVore.

NOTE: Consider sponsoring the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, a special date, or just because…Sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the lobby. The flowers are yours to take with you after the service of worship.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

**Anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul’s UCC should contact Pastor Donna or the church office.**

Confirmation Class News

Thanks to all who participated in or contributed to the pancake breakfast. The fund raiser made $347—enough to support Juggling Jeff’s presentation.

On April 10, 2016 a guest speaker, Juggling Jeff, will visit us at St. Paul’s UCC during the service of worship. The Confirmands wanted the congregation to experience Juggling Jeff as they did at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. This will be an exciting event for all.

May 1, 2016—Presentation Sunday for Confirmands
May 15, 2016—Confirmation Sunday

Mark your calendars now!!
# Services of Worship

**9:30am**  
Pastor Donna Kendrick-Philips, Interim Pastor

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**The Adult Choir**

Come join us in song! The choir typically sings every 3rd Sunday of the month, and practices the Thursday evening before the 3rd Sunday; therefore, the choir will practice on Thursday, April 14th and will sing on Sunday, April 17th.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with questions or inquiries.

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**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

The missions committee is looking for someone to lead this ministry. See Harvey Cramer with questions or inquiries.

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**Search Committee Update**

We continue to review profiles and will keep everyone posted as information becomes available.  
**Thank you for your patience.**
SAVE THE DATES!!

JULY 18-22, 2016
9am – 12 noon

This Year’s Theme: “Barnyard Roundup”
(Jesus Gathers Us Together)

We are looking forward to another great week of fun with a purpose!!

We predict this year to be even better!

If you enjoyed being a part of VBS in years past, please join our team again!
You may want the same job or would like to try a different area or age group.

Youth completing 6th grade will be eligible to serve as leaders this summer!!

Registration forms for students and volunteers will be available in the church lobby
and will also be posted on the St. Paul’s UCC website.

Anyone interested in helping,
please contact Wilma Zeh at 636-433-2626
or look for the sign-up sheets in the lobby.
—Thank you in advance for your support—

Earth Day is
April 22, 2016

Steak Dinner
A steak dinner is being planned for
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016
Details are forthcoming.
Please contact Diane Freese
if you are able to help in any way.
Thank you for your participation!
**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**
3rd: Eric Hasenjaeger
4th: Wyatt Swartz
   Adam Hasenjeiger
9th: Tammy Siem
   Alissa Zeh
10th: Matt Sheible
   Lane Mittler
11th: Alaina Borgmann
15th: Ann Jenkins
18th: Mary Hulsey
19th: Dale Verges
   Erika Niemeyer
21st: D’Arline Driemeyer
22nd: Taylor Bilyeu
   Michael Glosemeyer
27th: Russell Kersten
   Faye Barringhaus
   Jessica Barringhaus
29th: James Joerling
30th: Virginia Painter

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**
3rd: David & Carla Lange
23rd: Maurice & Mary Mittler-1960
26th: Jeff & Pam Murrell

**ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM**
11th: Hailey Steffens
21st: Devin Bilyeu
29th: Evan Witte

**Calvin Grey Rodgers**
Born 3-19-16
Son of Jake & Jenny Rodgers
(Maternal Grandparents: John & Kay Buhr)
CONGRATULATIONS!

**Thank You!**
Many thanks to all for your continued thoughts and prayers, the many cards, visits, and acts of kindness expressed since the passing of Hertha Berg. Your thoughtfulness is heartfelt and deeply appreciated.

The Family of Hertha Berg

**New Address for:**
Dee Schuster
109 Rottmann Drive
Marthasville, MO 63357

**Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue...**
and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true....
PARSONAGE BALLOT

A motion was made and passed at the annual congregational meeting in January to conduct this vote. This vote is to get a general consensus from the congregation on what we would like to see done with the parsonage.

Anyone who is presently a member of St Paul’s UCC is eligible to vote. For those members unable to tour the parsonage and vote in person, they may call in their vote to Susan in the church office.

Voting on this issue will remain open through Sunday, April 3rd, 2016.

Please vote for one of the following three options below. Do so by circling with a pen the number of the option you are in favor of the congregation doing.

1. Do nothing to the parsonage, status quo.
2. Remodel the parsonage, so it can be better utilized.
3. Tear the parsonage down, but retain ownership of the property where it stands for future options.

Please do NOT sign your ballot as this will help maintain your anonymity.

Once you have voted, please have Susan or someone else in the church office help you check off your name on the membership voting list. Then please deposit your ballot in the ballot box, also in the church office.

After voting has concluded on this issue the council will inform the congregation of the results.

St. Paul’s Church Council

Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

On behalf of the Sausage Dinner committee, “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped with the preparations, worked at the dinner, donated pies, cakes, or items for the country store, made a financial donation, ate at the dinner or bought carry-outs, or helped in any way to make this year’s dinner a success.

A special “Thank You” to those who worked double shifts and to those who stayed after the last shift to help clean up. This dinner would not be possible without everyone’s help and cooperation.

We sold a total of 633 tickets: 419 adults; 15 children; and 199 carry-outs.

We do not have all the final figures at this time; they will be relayed as soon as the information becomes available. However, we do know that the fellowship attained by working together was a huge success. THANK YOU!!!

Raffle winners are as follows:
1st Place: Quilt = Lulu Hasenjaeger
2nd place: Baby Quilt = Sharon Speckhalf (Marge Jones’ sister-in-law)
3rd Place: Cookbook = Wilma Zeh
PLease remember in prayer
Susie Thierbach—home from the hospital recovering from infection; family of Hertha Berg—who passed away on 2/26/16; Jerome Bunge—failing health; Loleen Dieckman—recovering from car accident; One-year-old grandson of Joyce Marek (friend of Debbie Garbs)—massive brain tumor; Tegin Hood (friend of Cathie Schoppenhorst)—lung/heart infection; Cal & Betty Tameler (Brenda Roloff’s parents)—health issues; Leonard Lutz—health issues; Michael Rich (relative of Carla Lange)—organ failure; Vance Ross (Karen Sida’s brother)—health issues; Norma Sutter—failing health; Eldon & Sue Green—health issues; Angela Gray—health issues; Gail DeVore Morris—health issues; Eleanor Lutz—health issues, heart.


Those serving in the Military: Devon Martin, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, Tim Thornton, & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

Please remember those who are not always able to worship with us at St. Paul’s UCC. Remember them in prayer, with a visit, card, or a phone call:

Jerome Bunge
306 E. South St.
Marthasville, MO 63357
(636) 433-2001

Vada Hinnah
The Arbors at South Pointe
5129 Old Hwy. 100, Room 10
Washington, MO 63090

Eleanor Lutz
20555 Cedar Ct.
Warrenton, MO 63383
636-456-8105

Sue Green
New Haven Care Center

Rev. Dale & Helene Krampe
Homestead at Hickory View
1481 Marbach Dr., Apt. 225
Washington, MO 63090
314-974-3784

Vera Mittler
NHC Healthcare
35 Sugar Maple Ln.
St. Charles, MO 63303

Please send all correspondence to:
105 Rottman Drive
Marthasville, MO 63357

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Meals on Wheels

If anyone needs or knows of anyone who needs home-delivered meals from the Warren County Senior Center, please contact the center at 636-456-3379. Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals.

Rainbows

Rainbows make me happy, then again they make me sad;
To go beyond a rainbow would make me oh so glad.
But when I think about it, my feelings toss and turn—
A rainbow’s never-ending.
Oh when will we all learn?

I want to go beyond it, to touch it, feel it, know it.
But I know deep down I can’t do that; it isn’t mine to have.
I dream of when the day will come that I’ll find a rainbow’s end, and reach out for that pot of gold in a greater land.

Robbin DeVore
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*April Showers Bring May Flowers...*

**Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. (Psalm 103:1-2)**
Marthaville, MO 63357
103 South Second Street
St. Paul's United Church of Christ