



Progressive Spirit News

ST. PAUL'S United Church of Christ
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Pastor's Post



Summer is here, and I am really enjoying it! I hope all of you are. Our outdoor worship is in two weeks, and we just celebrated ONA Sunday. Did you see that rainbow on Sunday evening? I got two texts

and a phone call from folks telling me to look outside. I'm so thankful for being informed. It was spectacular, and as someone said, a fitting end to ONA/Pride Sunday. We have two guests serving in the pulpit this month. There will also be a day I August I can not be here. So expect another guest in August.

I just attended the Laramie Ministerial Association meeting. There were two new pastors from Laramie at the meeting, and one who is leaving Laramie

July Events

- July 4
 - Freedom Has A Birthday
- July 7 – June 13
 - Rev Ken Away
 - Pat Slentz guest
- July 13
 - Homecoming parade
- July 14
 - Wyoming State Interfaith Pride Service
- July 21
 - Vedauwoo Worship
- July 28
 - Rev. Ken away
 - Rev. Mark Lee guest

All events are in the Church or Church Basement, unless otherwise noted.

to pursue another opportunity. You will probably meet the two new guys soon. Eric Feuerstein has joined the United Methodist Church, and Fr. Brian has joined the Episcopal Cathedral. Soon, Michelle Bacon will be joining United Presbyterian Church.

On Saturday, July 13, the Laramie Ministerial Association will be marching in the Jubilee Days parade. I would like to have a contingent of St. Paul's members to march in the parade. Meet at Labonte park at 8:30, and we will proceed from there. There will be cookies and donuts to build up your strength and energy for marching in the parade. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so that I can be sure to be on the lookout for you.

In a couple weeks I will be in Minneapolis for a conference about change in the church. It's a topic we clergy bring up in conversation at almost every gathering. I'm excited to see what the current trends are.

The admin council has approved the \$12,000 that was needed to have the architectural firm begin to create our construction and permitting documents. So, we are moving forward with our renovations. As they develop the plan and we begin to get cost estimates, we will hold an all church meeting to go over the plans with the firm before construction begins. Look for information about that in the future.

We will start bible study in September, meeting at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings

Don't forget our Vedauwoo worship this year will be on July 21st.

He has told you, O mortal, what is **good**; and what does the Lord require of you but to **do justice**, and to **love kindness**, and to **walk humbly** with your God?—Micah 6:8
Peace and Blessings to all,

Rev. Ken

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 – Elijah Plant
- 11 – Yogi Plant
- 15 – Lovely Plant
- 18 – Roger Iverson

If your birthday is not listed, then our directory is not updated with your information. Please let the church know your current contact information, address, phone and birthday/anniversary at stpucc@gmail.com



St. Paul's UCC

Our Mission:

*To be an emphatically inclusive,
progressive community
on the Path of Christ,
seeking justice and peace for all Creation
through creative ceremony and celebration,
soulful questioning,
and acts of compassion and service.*

Memoirs/Memories of St. Paul's United Church of Christ - Laramie, Wyoming History Book Project

In honor of the 130 year history of St. Paul's Church, a history book is being completed. One section of the book will include memoirs/memories from individuals and families who attended the church over the 130 year church history. If you are interested in being included in the book, please click here to go to the [link on the webpage](#). Please note: your text may be edited to fit into a specific space in the book. Once completed, please e-mail your WORD file to stpucc@gmail.com or mail the completed form to: St. Paul's UCC, History Book Project, 602 E. Garfield, Laramie, WY 82070. To be included in the history book, all submissions must be received by September 1, 2019.

Betty Holmes has been digitizing our historical documents, and you can find them on the web, on our website, under the history tab. [Click here to go there now](#). Follow the link to see our historical anniversary booklets.

Freedom Has A Birthday

Freedom has a birthday will again be held on July 4th, and St. Paul's will have a booth there. We will need you to sign up, and I will have a sign up sheet downstairs in the social hall. See Carol Uhl for any questions, and let her know also if you are signing up.

Worship calendar:

June 2019 Worship Calendar and Church Happenings

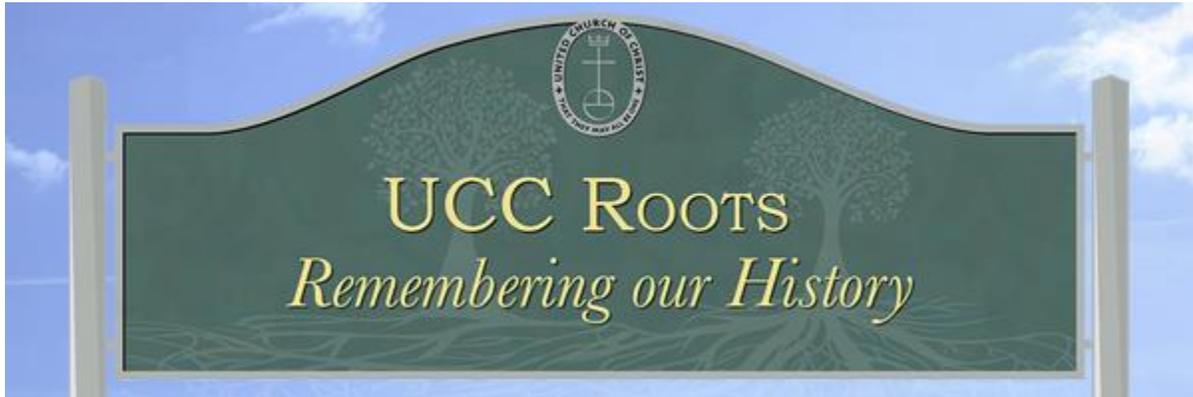
- July 7
 - Guest Preacher – Pat Slentz
 - Worship Leader: Crystal Ballard
 - Accompanist: Nathan Sonnenschein
 - NCH 67: Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling
 - NCH 478: I've Got Peace Like A River
 - NCH 249: Peace I Leave With You
 - Psalm 30, 2 Kings 5:1-1
- July 14
 - Worship Leader:
 - Accompanist: Sean Stone
 - NCH 68: God Is Truly With Us
 - NCH 552: From the Crush of Wealth and Power
 - SING 217: Peace I Leave With You
 - Psalm 82, Luke 10:25-37
- July 21
 - Vedauwoo Worship
 - Psalm 52, Luke 10:38-42
- July 28:
 - Guest Preacher: Mark Lee
 - Worship Leader:
 - Accompanist: Nathan Sonnenschein
 - NCH 282: Every Time I Feel The Spirit
 - NCH 474: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
 - MV 221: I Am Walking a Path of Peace
 - Psalm 138:1-8, Luke 11:1-13

Flower Chart Sign-ups

There is a flower sign up chart downstairs in the social hall. If you would like to bring flowers for the altar, sign up. After services, you can take the flowers home, or leave them for the next week.

PFLAG Laramie

PFLAG, (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) will meet on June 13 at 6:30. During this meeting, planning will continue on their involvement with Laramie Pride.



A Pastor of Immigrants and an Advocate for Missions

In 1962, when Ardmore United Church of Christ in Lanham, MD changed its name to St. Paul United Church of Christ, some people joked that it was named after both the Apostle Paul and Paul A. Menzel (1865-1934)—who had been its pastor when the church was established in 1909.

Born in Chicago, Menzel, was the son and stepson of German Evangelical clergy. At the age of 30 he became the pastor of a church in Washington, DC that had been founded in 1833 by a group of German immigrants living in Washington. Known initially as the Concordia German Church, it became the Concordia German Evangelical Church and later the Concordia United Church of Christ.



Many members of the church worked at the German Embassy, and when the church celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1908, Kaiser Wilhem II gave the congregation a new pulpit Bible. Unfortunately, wars with Germany literally threatened the future of the church. During World War I unnaturalized Germans were prohibited in the District of Columbia. Concordia Church was not allowed to hold German services and its pastor was viewed with suspicion. In spite of these difficulties, from 1896 to 1919 Menzel remained a strong pastor for an immigrant community under fire.

Menzel was also deeply committed to foreign missions. In 1895 he was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America. In 1919, he journeyed with a fellow pastor, to Honduras to help establish a German Evangelical mission there, travelling on donkey-back for six weeks. His work dramatically shaped the Evangelical Reformed Church of Honduras, which now has 53 congregations and is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Soon thereafter the Board of Foreign Missions appointed Menzel to oversee all its foreign mission work.

At his death in 1934 Menzel was remembered as “an exemplary Christian gentleman, courteous, brave, and a lowly follower of Jesus.” *Contributor: James Semmelroth Darnell*

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United Church of Christ

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Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.



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***Rev. Ken's hours: Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, and
Sunday mornings, or by
appointment***

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY
ACTIVITIES AROUND
TOWN THAT YOU WOULD
LIKE MENTIONED IN THE
WEEKLY UPDATE OR THE
NEWSLETTER, PLEASE
SEND THE INFORMATION
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