



Brief Church Profile

St. Paul UCC
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1. WHO ARE WE TODAY – *description of who you are as a church, and your vision and mission statement*

St. Paul United Church of Christ, the “Church on the Corner” We are the oldest continuing congregation in Stark County, serving the needs of our members, neighbors, friends, and community for over 200 years. We have been a Lutheran Church, a German Reformed Church, and Evangelical & Reformed Church, and since 1957, we have been the United Church of Christ. But through all the changes, we have worshipped continuously as God’s faithful congregation in Navarre. We welcome you to our Church to worship and fellowship with us. Our doors are open to EVERYONE who wishes to worship God through the presence of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. “God is Still Speaking” in our midst, and we are still a faith community in progress, with a great ecumenical spirit. Come and join us in “Our Little Corner” of Ohio with many lifelong members and friends, with a traditional worship service. There is always a place for YOU!

“A traditional church for todays world”

2. WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION AND MISSION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING – worship, faith formation, care and fellowship, mission and outreach opportunities:

- *Fairless Christian Association*
- *Salvation Army (Host of local branches)*
- *Community Meal*
- *Blessing Box (Stark County Food Cupboard)*
- *Sunday Worship*
- *Youth and Adult Sunday School*
- *Special Music Program*

3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 75
- Total Reported Membership: 108
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 35
- Average Church School Attendance: 6 Adults, 4 Children
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 42
- Mission outreach giving, annual: 2% of the budget
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): \$157,00
- Number of staff persons serving the church: 5

List staff positions:

Designated Minister	Rev. Carl Orphanides
Secretary	Abby Alexander
Custodian	Micheal Stringfield
Music Director	Lynne Indorf
Pianist	Natasha Musaelyan

4. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS?

Over the last 5 years, our congregation has seen several trends including a decrease in in-person attendance of worship services. Subsequently, there has been an increase in online attendance of worship services. There is also an aging congregation and therefore seasonal fluctuations in congregational attendance.

5. WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY/TOWN IN WHICH THE CHURCH IS LOCATED?

In our community, we are seeing an increase in larger non-denominational churches, an increase in transient residents, and families with adult children whom have moved to other communities.

6. WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO BE AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY?

To find ways to give the community a faith grounding.

7. WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC MINISTRIES/ISSUES YOU EXPECT YOUR NEXT PASTOR TO ADDRESS DURING THEIR TENURE -INCLUDING THE GIFTS, TALENTS, AND SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP STYLE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEXT PASTOR

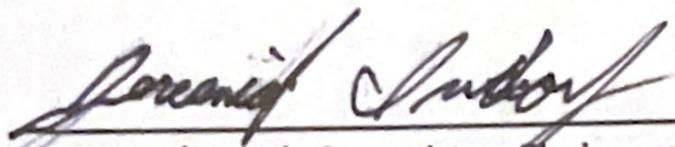
We would like to see a minister that is a good communicator and listener, able to motivate others and set goals to help direct the spiritual responsibilities of the church. They should also be able to address the

issues of the day - both in our community and the greater world - while remaining politically neutral to these situations, recognizing that they are addressing a congregation of varying backgrounds with a common love for God and community.

8. PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work.

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines: Yes

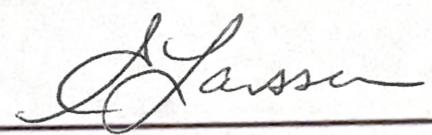
We intend to follow the conference compensation guidelines at a prorated rate based on a 20 to 30 hour work week. We will also be offering housing in our church parsonage.



Council/Search Committee Chairperson

10/27/25
Date

8. COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION



Signature of Association Staff

11/20/2025
Date

Association Staff member assisting:

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