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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

St. Paul's Children and Youth Ministries are the beneficiary of generous financial gifts from St. Paul's Foundation. Becca Nims, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, is proud to lead a variety of connection and ministry opportunities, including:

Kids Sunday School	Youth Music
Youth Co-Op	Vacation Bible School
Camp scholarships	Outreach events
Mid-Week faith formation (partnering with Lovely Lane)	



In 2023, thirteen students (6th-12th grade) plus adults attended Youth 2023 in Daytona, FL. UMC youth across the country gather for four days of discipleship, fun, and fellowship. The event is filled with interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and fellowship time. The cost of this trip neared \$1,000 per participant. Through fundraising, grants, and the St. Paul's Foundation, the cost per participant was reduced to just \$375. Foundation funds provided **4 full scholarships!**

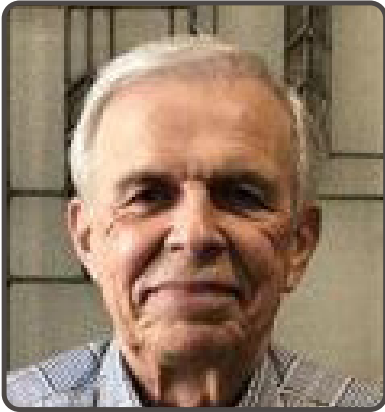
Becca expresses her gratitude, knowing that the St. Paul's Family Ministry Team could truly not do this work without the \$15,000 of annual support from the St. Paul's Foundation. Thank you to all who have contributed to make these opportunities possible!

Mission Statement

Foster a vibrant spirit of Christian Stewardship and generosity to create a perpetual source of earnings, which strengthens the financial capabilities of St. Paul's UMC and assists the church in fulfilling its stated mission "St Paul's United Methodist Church: a people GATHERED, FORMED, and SENT by God's Grace."



THE MAHLKE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



If you ever wonder what the **impact of St. Paul's** is on our larger community, then you will connect with the faith journey of Dave Mahlke.

Dave grew up in Younkers, New York, one of three children. Education was pivotal in his family. His father Elmer graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering; his mother Doris graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in Physical Education; brother Mark graduated from Valparaiso University with a BS in Physical Education; sister Martha graduated from Lycoming College with a BA in Sociology. Dave himself graduated from the University of Michigan with a BSE in Electrical Engineering and from the University of Chicago with an MBA. They were all involved in teaching at various times in their lives.

After college, Dave worked for GTE in the Chicago area. He was hired into Cedar Rapids by Norand Corp and later went into management consulting, working with many companies in the Midwest including Rockwell Collins.

His parents set the example of volunteering in their local community by serving on school boards, PTAs, and serving as leaders in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. They were leaders at Asbury Methodist Church in Tuckahoe, New York, and St. Paul's UMC in Kerrville, Texas. Dave's father Elmer was instrumental in establishing a foundation at the Texas church.

Dave followed in their footsteps, volunteering on local community home repairs, builds, wheelchair ramps, and painting homes of needy people in Cedar Rapids. Dave found this rewarding and he met some wonderful community volunteers, including some from St. Paul's. He admired the positive attitude and work ethic of these volunteers. **Dave had gotten out of the habit of attending church. But after meeting such nice St. Paul's people in these community projects, he decided to give St. Paul's a try.** He became a member in 2008 and has been involved ever since. In retirement, he continues to volunteer with the WRAP program in Cedar Rapids, designing and building wheelchair ramps. He is currently serving on the St. Paul's Foundation Board and he attends adult Sunday School. He is a Linn County Master Gardener; he established a native prairie in his acreage, prior to moving to senior living.

Dave participated in various ministries at St. Paul's over the years, especially the adult and youth mission trips, going to Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, and Rockford with mission teams.

While on the Foundation Board, **Dave's service on the Scholarship Committee sparked his interest in helping others toward a college education.** The Scholarship Committee matches college-bound students with financial assistance. Understanding the value of his own family's college education, he chose to establish the Mahlke Family Scholarship Fund to help others toward a college education. This scholarship is given with a preference to applicants pursuing Engineering. The Foundation thanks Dave for his gracious gift that will provide scholarship funds in perpetuity. It is people like Dave that ensure a brighter future.

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2024!

We celebrate with St. Paul's seniors and families as students reach this milestone. Their year also includes these highlights:

- ***A total solar eclipse (not seen again until 2044)***
- ***GOAT Caitlyn Clark makes Iowa proud***
- ***Leap Year – an extra day to enjoy***
- ***Scholarship opportunities***



The Scholarship Committee is hard at work reviewing 6 Seminary applications, 14 St. Paul's applications and 4 Wellington Heights neighborhood applications. Thanks to all of the generous donors to Foundation scholarship endowment funds, the committee will award nearly \$18,000 in gifts this year.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT WITH YOU IN IT!



Save the date! St. Paul's UMC Foundation Luncheon

Learn about the strong partnership between the Foundation and St. Paul's Church.

We'll celebrate John Wesley Heritage Society members and their impact on current and future church ministries.

Thursday Sept. 26, 2024 from 11:30 – 1:00 at the Radisson Hotel CR (formerly the Marriott)

THE BLESSINGS OF A PARISH NURSE



St. Paul's is blessed to have a part-time Parish Nurse, Mary Horn, RN. Mary provides wellness education for the congregation and assistance to members facing health concerns. St. Paul's is one of a few churches in the area to have a Parish Nurse on staff. The St. Paul's Parish nurse position began when Mercy Medical Center generously funded the program for several area churches. Unfortunately, funding was eliminated after several years. Realizing the importance of this ministry of care and compassion, Dave Mather, in memory of his wife Judy, established a term endowment fund through St. Paul's Foundation to continue the position of Parish Nurse.

Working closely with the Congregational Care Committee, receiving suggestions from church personnel and learning of people in the hospital, Mary makes contact to arrange a visit. Church members with ongoing health issues are seen on a regular basis while those recovering from surgery or an illness are seen until they feel confident and well enough to manage on their own.

Mary assesses individual medical needs, but when visiting also addresses other issues, large or small, that concern or "worry" the individual. It might be something as simple as calling to arrange a doctor's appointment, getting some groceries or taking a person

to visit a spouse in the hospital. Mary approaches her role as being "there to help with the practical things to make life easier." Many wellness visits are to individuals with no family in the area so it is a reassuring connection for members facing a health issue.

The overall well-being of body, mind and spirit is important for healing and through the forethought of the Mather family, St. Paul's diverse community is able to rely on the Parish Nurse when health challenges arise.

To contact Mary Horn, St. Paul's Parish Nurse, contact the church office at 319-363-2058 or email Mhorn@StPaulsUMC.org.

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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember, with love, these faithful St. Paul's members. Their support for St. Paul's ministries will continue without end, because of their memorial gifts which are now invested permanently in Foundation endowments. We thank you for creating a bright future for St. Paul's Church.

Arlene Dayhoff, member from 1962 – 2023

Gary Speicher, member from 1984 – 2023

FOUNDATION SUNDAY

Be sure to join us for worship on Sunday June 9th. While the pastors attend the Iowa Annual Conference that weekend, they've invited Foundation leaders to lead worship.

Theme: Gratitude and Impact

Sunday, June 9th

9:00 and 11:15 am worship services