

Tentative Time Line

Revision: October 4, 2022

Sunday, October 9 - Informational Meeting - after worship

- (1) Share the *Tentative Time Line*
- (2) Update from Naming Sub-Committee

Sunday, October 16 - **Formal Congregational Meeting** - after worship

Vote on the Name of the New Congregation

Sunday, October 23 - during the after worship Luncheon

Hand out an Overview Sheet & copies of ByLaws with a verbal overview for members to take home read over and come back the next week with their questions

Sunday, October 30 - Informational Congregational Meeting - after worship

Go over: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Motions, & Resolutions, and have Question & Answer (Q&A) time

Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30pm - alternative evening meeting time
(for those who cannot come on Sunday)

Wednesday, November 2 - **Combined Consistory & MFT Meeting**

process feedback from the FAQ meetings, review, discuss, and approve any final revisions to the motions, resolutions, Constitution & ByLaws, and FAQ sheets
Make the amendments available to the congregation

Thursday, November 3 - Submit Request of Standing as an UCC Church to the Covenant Association

The Committee On Ministry (COM) of our Covenant Association will need to vote on whether or not to grant the new church "standing" (i.e. whether or not a new or existing congregation can be an United Church of Christ church), pending an affirmative vote by our congregations. They have a list of documents for us to submit to them for their consideration. We have been in communication and consultation with both the COM and conference throughout this process, and we anticipate that the granting of standing will go smoothly.

Sunday, November 6 - Informational Congregational Meeting - after worship

report on any motion, resolution, Bylaw, or FAQ updates and more Q&A opportunity

Sunday, November 13 - **Formal Congregational Meetings** - after worship

VOTE on the proposal to form a new church

Representative from the Committee On Ministry of the Covenant Association to be oversee the vote

Sunday, November 20 - Zion UCC - Fall Congregational Meeting - after worship

Sunday, December 4 or 11 - St. Paul's UCC - Fall Congregational Meeting - after worship

Vote on Nominees and 2023 Mission & Program (i.e. Budget)

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

First Official *Legal Day* of the New Church - for finances, taxes, insurance, etc

Saturday, January 7 - **Special Closing Worship Service** - Time = TBD

On this day, we will have a special worship service together to formally close the individual churches of both St. Paul's UCC and Zion UCC

We have invited members of our conference and association to attend

Sunday, January 8 - **Opening Worship Service of the New Church** - 10:15am

On this Sunday, we will be formally opening our new church

We have invited members of our conference and association to attend

January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 - **Open Charter**

The charter of the new church will remain open from January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Special Worship Service Times

While you are noting dates in your calendars, please note the following updates in regard to upcoming holidays.

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

Early Christmas Eve Worship - 7:00pm

Midnight Christmas Eve Worship - 11:00pm

In the past, when Christmas and New Years falls on a Sunday, St. Paul's UCC has normally cancelled Sunday school and moved the worship service earlier by an hour: (1) to better enable people to both come to worship and travel for family gatherings later that day; (2) it is not a good use of our teachers' time for them to prepare lessons and not have students show up and to not have parents need to get kids to come to Sunday school, when kids are all excited to just open presents; (3) it enables those preparing the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner to come to worship and set up to serve; and (4) if we have Christmas Day and New Year's Day the same times, it is easier to remember and less confusing when to attend on those two days.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

NO Sunday School

Worship time = 9:15am

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

NO Sunday School

Worship time = 9:15am

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm