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## **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

August 2, 2020

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
"We Shine For All Through Christ"  
St. Marys, Ohio

August 2, 2020                      Ninth Sunday after Pentecost                      9:00a.m.

Order of Service

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE                      "Shall We Gather at the River?"                      Robert Lowry

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY  
Joys and Concerns of our Church Family                      Birthdays  
Introduction of Guests

OPENING HYMN                      "Surely the Presence"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, let your faces shine with the joy of a new day;  
**All: for in our faces the light of God's love shines forth!**  
Leader: People of God, lay the struggles of the week aside, but do not deny them;  
**All: for it can be through our struggles that God is revealed to us most deeply.**  
Leader: People of God, let us join together in worship;  
**All: for it is in our worship that God can know our hearts and minds.**  
Leader: People of God, let us raise our voices in word and prayer;  
**All: for it is through our voices that the song of God is heard.**  
Leader: Come, let us encounter God with us. Let us worship.

UNISON PRAYER

Like Jacob in the night, we are here, Holy One, to wrestle a little with what it means to be your children. We are here to allow that struggle to strengthen and guide us. We know you are with us and will bless us at our parting. Show us the way as we offer ourselves to this time. Help us to open our senses and spirits to all of who you are and all the ways you reveal yourself to us. We thank you for this opportunity, and we are ready, Loving Friend, to begin. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN                      "Spirit Song"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE  
Old Testament                      Genesis 32:3-8, 22-32  
HYMN  
Psalm                      Psalm 44: 23-26

SERMON                      "Wrestling With God"                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      "Divertissement"                      Gordon Young

\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit                      .....Depart to serve

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Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors	Vacant, Church School Superintendent
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Bob Schumacher, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionaries

Liturgist .....Jill Dickman  
Acolytes .....Deacons  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God July 26, 2020*  
*Current - \$1,970.00 and Mission - \$145.00*

*Altar flowers today are from Cindy and Jim Huckemeyer wishing*  
*Mary Alice Stoner a very happy birthday!*

**Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ!**

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE –NOT AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19**
- ✚ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** rest room is located on the sanctuary level near the elevette room and it also contains a baby changing table.
- ✚ **ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - available if needed (consult an usher).
- ✚ **TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** – our worship service here at St. Paul’s is shown on **cable – Digital channel 1** or **non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.
- ✚ **WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – if you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at [www.spuccsm.com](http://www.spuccsm.com), St. Paul’s Facebook page, or on YouTube.
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***WELCOME!** If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are Here. If you are a returning visitor Welcome Back. Please let our sanctuary doorway Greeters know you are visiting and receive a special gift of welcome.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	10:30 am	Office opens to the public
Next Sun.	9:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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**AGAPE MISSION:** We are not only collecting donations for toilet paper, but we are collecting soap as well due to the desperate need for it at Agape. We have collected 683 bars of soap. Our toilet paper goal for the year is 2000 rolls. So far, we have collected 1110 rolls. Let’s get rolling and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project. Jane Nuss

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

*Don’t forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” the download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!*



**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

- Please say prayers for the following people: Dot Silver, Cheryl Kline, Kris Hubbell, Deb Perry (daughter-in-law of Ron & Cheryl Kline), Terry Tangeman, Ed Goldenetz, John Long, David Freewalt, Dorothy McMullen and for all of our military and emergency services.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them. Due to the Covid-19 Virus, we have been asked by the nursing homes not to visit until further notice.
- All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com) or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
- The **2020** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheet are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment. **Liturgists are always needed!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you!

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**AGAPE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

The following four items are what Agape needs the most of in school supplies:

**1” Binders, 2” Binders, 3-Prong folders WITH pockets and Tab Dividers**

There will be a tub located at the Southeast entrance to the sanctuary where you can drop off those supplies. Thanks for supporting Agape!