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AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God November 29, 2020
Current - \$1,165.00 and Mission - \$230.00

TAKE NOTE

- Stop in the Elevette Room and take a look at the crafts that the Women’s Guild has for sale. New crafts are added weekly! Christmas is just around the corner!

- The Women’s Guild are looking for old wooden shutters and scrap boards 4 foot-long 3/4 inch thick, 11 inches wide. If you have these and can part with them, please let Jane Nuss or Joan Leffel know.

- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** – You can dispose of your used bulletin in the trash can (recycle bin) by the Perry Street Entrance/Exit or on the bulletin table at the rear of the sanctuary (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

DEACONS NEEDED

Consistory is currently in need of two (2) new deacons to serve three (3) year terms beginning in January 2021. It is a great way to get to know other members in the church. If you are interested in serving your church on its governing board, there are four ways you can express your interest. You can contact any current Consistory member, the church office, Ralph Heckler, Consistory President, or Marsha Landers, Consistory Vice President.

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

December 6, 2020 **Second Sunday of Advent** **10:30a.m.**
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH-PEACE John and Mary Holtzapple

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are all welcome to this place. Just as you are, whatever hopes or worries
 are on your mind, you are welcome.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.**

Leader: Young or old, tall or small, we are all part of God's vision.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.**

Leader: Let us welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family Birthdays
Introduction of Guests

THE WAVE

OPENING HYMN 177 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

UNISON PRAYER

**Comfort us, O God, with a comfort that strengthens us for the world. Comfort us, O God, with a
comfort that encourages us to trust you. Comfort us, O God, with a comfort that inspires us to be
messengers of hope that our world may be transformed, and that it may begin here, in this place
and among these people. Comfort us, O God, with a comfort that renews your living and our
worship. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN 196 "In The Bleak Midwinter"

SERMON "A Light Is Dawning" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Rachel Thornsberry

HYMN 192 "Mary Did You Know"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Depart to serve

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Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director	

Isaiah 11:1-10

1A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

2The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

3and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

4but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

5Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

6The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

7The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

9They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

10In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will
rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Matthew 1:18-25

18This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was
pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be
pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19**Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law,
and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her
quietly.

20But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream
and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because
what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21**She will give birth to a son, and you
are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23**"The
virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which
means "God with us").

24When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and
took Mary home as his wife. **25**But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave
birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.