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**Our Giving to God February 21, 2021**  
**Current - \$3,279.00 and Mission - \$155.00**  
**Attendance – 90**

**TAKE NOTE:** Next Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is one of our 5 for 5!



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
February 28, 2021

"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**

**February 28, 2021**                      **Second Sunday in Lent**                      **10:30 a.m.**  
**Order of Service**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**  
**WELCOME**    Extinguish the First and Second Candle in Lent  
**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: Return to the Lord your God,  
      **All: for God is gracious.**  
Leader: Confess to the Lord your God,  
      **All: for God is merciful.**  
Leader: Repent to the Lord your God,  
      **All: for God is slow to anger.**  
Leader: Praise the Lord your God,  
      **All: for God abounds in steadfast love.**  
Leader: Worship the Lord your God.  
      **All: Together, let us worship God!**

**HYMN 43**                      “Majesty”

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**  
Joys and Concerns of our Church Family                      Birthdays  
The Wave

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**    Mary Holtzapple

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**  
Leader: God who meets us where we are— there is nowhere we can go that you are not.  
      **All: You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness, and even in between you were there, saying aloud, “This is my Beloved.”**  
Leader: We know that you are with us too—in the good, the bad, and everything in between—but so often we act like we are alone.  
      **All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

Leader: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found?  
      **All: Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.**  
Leader: You are the God who meets us where we are.  
      **All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**  
Leader: Friends, believe the good news:  
      **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**HYMN 420**                      “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

**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 PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND MUSIC**

**HYMN 14**                      **Now Thank We All Our God**

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 25:1–10  
**THE GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 12:13-21

**SERMON**                      “Are You Prepared to Die to Greed”                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**HYMN 457**                      “Lord I want to be a Christian”

**\*BENEDICTION FOR LENT**  
Pastor: Go forth with this truth lodged firmly in your heart: There is nothing you can do or say that will separate you from the love of God.  
      **People: In Christ we see the power of God’s transforming love; The love that was in Christ in is the same love that is in us today.**  
Pastor: In every moment of our lives, God knows who we are, and with patience and love, offers us what we need.  
      **People: Like Christ, we will open ourselves to God’s presence; We will place our lives in God’s care; We will follow Christ in the pursuit of compassion, justice, and peace.**

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

***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.*

**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: Bob Adams, Janet Gibson, Janet Keller, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Ron Luthman (son-in-law of Diana Prichard), Gladys Kill (mother of Larry Kill), and for all of our military and emergency services.
- Please pray for Jeanette Tangeman, Jim Rowen, DeWayne Marsee, Kevin and Carol Gehres who are serving God and the Back Bay Mission .
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them.
- 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 **2021** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheets 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.

**NOTICE: WE NEED LITURGISTS**

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

- ✚ **DUE TO COVID, OFFERING PLATES WILL NOT BE PASSED IN THE PEWS. Please place your offering in the offering plates before service begins.**
- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery located in the educational building. Should it become necessary for you to leave the sanctuary during worship, you can view the morning service on the TV in the nursery.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** – on the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!



**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**2021-2022 St. Paul’s UCC Scholarship Applications** are now available. You can pick one up on top of the bookshelf in the church lounge.

**“SOUPER “ Bowl of Caring**- Reminder: The February Mission Project for the Sunday School Department is collecting canned soup for Agape. Please place cans in the box at the rear of the Sanctuary. Thank you~~

**NOTICE: Due to COVID-19, the Easter Bake Sale at Minster Bank is canceled again this year.**

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – March 7<sup>th</sup>  
SPECIAL OFFERING**

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities worldwide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all.

These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God’s children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.

Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. Today, you have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Parable of the Rich Fool**

Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”  
Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



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STORE	EAT	BIGGER	LIFE	GREED
RICH	FOOL	DIVIDE	GROUND	DRINK
GOOD	CROP	WATCH	GRAIN	MERRY

## **Psalms 25:1-10**

**1**In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.  
**2**I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
**3**No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.  
**4**Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.  
**5**Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.  
**6**Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.  
**7**Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.  
**8**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
**9**He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.  
**10**All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful

## **Luke 12:13-21**

**13**Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

**14**Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” **15**Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

**16**And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. **17**He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

**18**“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. **19**And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

**20**“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

**21**“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”