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Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director	Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Liturgist .....Amy Keller  
Acolytes .....Deacons  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God January 31, 2021*  
*Current - \$2,048.00 and Mission - \$72.00*  
*Attendance – 57 (poor weather conditions)*

*\*\*The loose offering next week is designated to Back Bay Mission as voted on by Consistory*

#### **ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 14th**

The annual meeting of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Immediately following worship, we will hold the annual meeting in the sanctuary at which time the efforts of 2020 will be reviewed, annual reports received, and the election of President and Vice President of the congregation will be conducted.

**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.



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

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
February 7, 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 7, 2021**                      **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**                      **10:30a.m.**  
**Order of Service**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**  
**WELCOME**  
**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is here with us. God dwells in our midst. God is still speaking to us.  
People: **Our hearts long for God's word. We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.**  
Leader: God is our help and our support. God's spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.  
People: **With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon God who is our hope and our salvation.**

**HYMN 438**                      "On Eagles Wings"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family                      Birthdays  
The Wave

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**                      Mary Holtzapple

**MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)**

God, we wait, we watch, we long for you. Renew our powers, refresh our spirits, restore our well being; for you give new strength to the faint and power to the powerless. May your church be found working among those who lack resources or rights. May we seek to care for those who cannot care for themselves.  
We give thanks for all who have cared for us in times of weakness; for those who have uplifted our spirits and given us new hope. We pray for our friends and families, especially any who are finding life difficult at the moment. We pray for any in our community that may feel neglected or rejected.

We pray for all who are in weakness of body, mind or spirit, all who have come to the end of their tether. We think of all who are losing their mobility or agility, those who are losing their memories, and all who have lost their grip on reality; of those who no longer trust in anyone, and those who doubt the love of God; we think of all who are caring for loved ones in illness.

We give thanks that Christ is our healer and our companion on the journey; he will not allow us to be lost. We pray for loved ones departed who are renewed and refreshed in the love and light of God. May the Light of the world truly be that lamp set out on the lampstand to them. Amen.

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      Rachel Thornsberry

**OFFERTORY MUSIC AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN 389**                      "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" (vss. 1-3, 5)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      2 Corinthians 13:11-14  
John 14:18-21,25-27

**SERMON**                      "How To Say Goodbye"                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**HYMN 680**                      "Borning Cry"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

***Pastor Rhonda will be out of the office this week attending her mother's funeral in Wisconsin. Please contact Rev. Becky Erb Strang in case of a pastoral emergency (419-953-1152 cell /419-629-2502 church)***

***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 Schumacher, Bob Adams, Janet Gibson, Janet Keller, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Ron Luthman (son-in-law of Diana Prichard), Dawson Larmore (grandson of Kendra Strand), Kathy Engel (sister-in-law of Leslie Hullinger), and for all of our military and emergency services.
- Please pray for Jeanette Tangeman who is serving God and the Back Bay Mission for the next month.
- Please pray for Pastor Rhonda and her husband David. Pastor Rhonda’s mother passed last weekend and they will be traveling this week to Wisconsin. Rev. Becky Erb Strang will be available for pastoral emergencies (419-953-1152 cell or 419-629-2502 church)
- 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.

**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 A. Hainer
Tues.	9:00 am	Hannah Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru Only
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
		NO Adult Forum this week
	10:30 am	Worship with Guest Speaker, Kevin Gehres
		Annual meeting immediately following worship in Sanctuary

**JTDMH GUILD #20 DUES ARE DUE TODAY!** The Joint Township District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary dues are now being collected. All are welcome to belong and support our local hospital. Dues are \$15 and checks should be made out to “JTDMH Auxiliary.” Money or checks should be given to Ann Vogel.

**“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 in the Sanctuary. Thank you~~

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a.m., 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.**

- Plan now to attend one of the three services of worship offered for Ash Wednesday. (The practice of social distancing and wearing masks will be observed)
- at 7: 00 a.m. early before the work and school day begin; *This brief service will include both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.*
  - at 12 noon (perhaps observing a fast with the deletion of the regular noon meal); *This brief service will include both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.*
  - at 7:00 p.m. This will be a traditional worship service that will *include a message by Pastor Rhonda and both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.*


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

**Valentine cards** will be collected **TODAY** so they can be delivered or mailed to members. Thank you for participating in this activity as many look forward to hearing from church members.

# Peace of Mind and Heart

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

Based on John 14:23-29



N C D U H O M E Z R E R O Q T  
 N C W T N B N U Y M Q Q A K Y  
 S W P B R Q B Y O T D J F R M  
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WORDS	HEARTS	SPIRIT	HOME	GLAD
TEACHING	FATHER	LOVE	OBEY	HOLY
GREATER	AFRAID	WORLD	PEACE	COME

## 2 Corinthians 13

**11**Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

**12**Greet one another with a holy kiss. **13**All God's people here send their greetings.

**14**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## John 14

**18**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21**Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

**25**"All this I have spoken while still with you. **26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.