

Valentine cards will be collected this year for those in college, the military, and many church members. These need to be collected by **February 7th** so they can be delivered or mailed to members. A list of members will be in the January 24 and 31 bulletins. Thank you for participating in this activity as many look forward to hearing from church members.

Cookies for Crossroad – The Women's Guild mission and outreach project for this month is to aid Crossroad of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Crossroad is a home for troubled teens in the surrounding area. Bake your favorite cookies and bring them to the church kitchen or the elevette room by Sunday, **February 7th**. They can be decorated, plain, or bar cookies. The cookies will be delivered to Crossroad during the following week. **Please pack them in a gallon or quart zip lock bag to keep them fresh.** Any questions, please call Kris Vanderhorst, 419-733-2112.

TAKE NOTE

- ✝ **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!



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

January 24, 2021

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



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

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:30a.m.
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME
PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,
People: but Christ who chose us,
Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness
People: but because of Christ's grace,
Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
Leader: That we have not come to be entertained
People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us.
In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family The Wave

TIME FOR CHILDREN Mary Holtzapple

HYMN 430 "Be Not Afraid"

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 MUSIC AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
SERMON "To Whom Do You Belong" Rev. Rhonda Hainer
HYMN 580 "We Are Called to Be God's People"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE Depart to serve

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| Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor | Mary Holtzapple, Christian Ed Coordinators |
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| Ann Vogel, Organist | Andrea Spencer, Organist |
| Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors | Kim Opperman, 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 Missionary |
| Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director | Becky Anderson, Church Pianist |

LiturgistDiane Gayer
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God January 17, 2021
Current - \$6,114.70 and Mission - \$305.00
Attendance - 118

The loose offering today is designated to the
New Elevator/Building Fund as voted on by Consistory

CONGREGATION MEETING HERE IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSH

***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, Verl Gayer, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Ron Luthman (son-in-law of Diana Prichard), Dawson Larmore (grandson of Kendra Strand), and for all of our military and emergency services.
- Please in the following families in your prayers: The family of Ed Goldenetz Ed passed away last Sunday evening. Becky Mann and her children Ashley Behr and Kyle Denney in your prayers. Becky's mother, Janet Mann, passed away last Sunday morning. The family of Ruth Henschen. Ruth passed away on Wednesday of this past week.
- 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 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 FOR THE COMING MONTHS!!
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, 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

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| Sunday | 9:15 am | Sunday School/Confirmation |
| | 9:15 am | Adult Forum – Heritage Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Worship with Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer |
| | 11:30 am | Congregation Meeting |
| Wed. | 9:00 am | Quilting |
| Thurs. | 11:00 am | Memorial Service for Cindy Huckemeyer - Sanctuary |
| | 4:30-5:15 pm | Breaking Bread Community Meal |
| Next Sun. | 9:15 am | Adult Forum – Heritage Hall |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School/Confirmation |
| | 10:30 am | Worship and communion with Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer |

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. **11** My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. **12** What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. **16** (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.