

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“A Morning Trumpeting”

Franklin Ritter

*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit

.....Depart to serve

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LiturgistGreg Leffel
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God January 24, 2021
Current - \$2,758.25 and Mission - \$105.00
Attendance - 93

*Altar flowers today are given by Marsha Landers and
Arianna Ickes in memory of Grandma Dee*

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.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

January 31, 2021

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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

January 31, 2021 **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** **10:30a.m.**
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME
PRELUDE

“Communion Morning”

Richard Blake

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.
People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.
Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.
People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.
Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.
People: God is the light of our lives.
Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.
People: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

HYMN 66 “To God Be the Glory”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

The Wave

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CONSISTORY MEMBERS

INSTALLATION/COMMISSIONING OF 2021 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Leader: Jesus gathered faithful members to lead the community of faith and to work in the world on behalf of God's hope and vision to build the divine realm here on earth. Jesus commissioned these people with - the bread of life, the cup of a new promise, the light of truth and the word of good news.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL WE NEED!

Leader: Jesus sends you into the world to cast out prejudice, anger, fear, and greed; to share the good news of peace, justice, mercy, and joy.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A WORTHY TASK!

Leader: People of God, Followers of Christ, as you have been gifted, you will now answer the promises to serve this community of faith.....

(questions to be asked)

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of your brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them:

Congregational response: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to offer you Christian love, honor your leadership, assist and support you, so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Mary Holtzapple

UNISON MORNING PRAYER

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today...
God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today...
Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place your mercy in our souls today...
You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour out your spirit of power upon us today.
Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.
We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us.
May your name be glorified in us and through us. We ask it through Christ Jesus, our brother and our friend. In whose name we pray together....

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.

HYMN 461 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

OFFERTORY MUSIC AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION “Trust in Jesus” Dennis Eliot

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON “The Kingdom of God Is...” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN 349 “Seek Ye First”

***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, Rhett Chisholm, Janet Keller, Dan Knatz, 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 Verl Gayer in your prayers. Verl passed away last weekend.
- Please pray for Jeanette Tangeman who will be leaving in February for 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 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

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship and communion with Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer
Mon.	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Mtg- H. Hall
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Sat.		Cookies for Crossroads due tomorrow
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Adult Forum – Heritage Hall
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer

JTDMH GUILD #20 DUES 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 by February 7, 2021.

“SOUPER “ Bowl Sunday- It’s time to huddle up and rally the teams to win the fight against hunger! Our Sunday School Department is participating in a mission project to collect canned soup for Agape Ministries. Next Sunday as our country cheers on their favorite Super Bowl team, , let’s support those in Auglaize County. We invite the congregation to join in our mission and bring canned soup the next four Sundays in February. Place the cans in the box located in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, and “GO TEAM!”

Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 17th
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.*

AGAPE MISSION: It’s a new year and a new beginning for our toilet paper mission. Our ***goal again this year is 2000.*** Let’s get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are 313 rolls of toilet paper and 188 bars of soap. 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 of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.

The Mustard-Seed
Matthew 13: 31, Mark 4: 30-32, Luke 13: 18-19

Look carefully at the words below. Each of these has been hidden in the word search.
Words can be on the horizontal, diagonal, backwards, forwards, up and down.

PRODUCING	GREATEST	BRANCHES	SMALLEST	MUSTARD	SPRINGS
SHELTER	PLANTED	SHADOW	GARDEN	FIELD	BIRDS
FOWLS	LODGE	LARGE	GRAIN	GROWN	SHADE
EARTH	ROOST	LEAST	SHRUB	HERBS	SOWED
TREE	TINY	NEST	SEED	AIR	MAN

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MATTHEW 13:

31He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32**Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

44“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **46**When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

47“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. **48**When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. **49**This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous **50**and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

52He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”