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Acolytes .....Deacons  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

**Our Giving to God March 7, 2021**  
**Current - \$4280.00 and Mission - \$270.00 (OGHS \$231)**  
**Attendance – 137**

**Altar flowers today are from Ron and Margaret Hunter wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. They offer this Irish Blessing for all of you.**

*He who loses money, loses much;  
He who loses a friend, loses more;  
He who loses faith, loses all.*

*In memory of all those who have gone before us. RIP*

**The loose offering today is designated to Breaking Bread as voted on by Consistory**



Rodney Martin has moved into Vancrest. His new address is:

Rodney Martin  
1035 Hager Street  
St. Marys, OH 45885

He would love to receive Thinking of You cards and notes!



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
March 14, 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**

March 14, 2021                      Fourth Sunday in Lent                      10:30 a.m.  
**Order of Service**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**  
**WELCOME - Extinguish the Fourth Candle in Lent**  
**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: When we pass through the waters,  
**People: God is there with us.**  
Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,  
**People: God is there with us.**  
Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory,  
**People: God is there with us.**  
Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,  
**People: God is there with us, always.**  
Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

**HYMN 405**                      "My Hope Is Built"

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

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**    Mary Holtzapple

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**  
God of many names, we give ourselves into the hands of your continuing creativity.  
We give to you our past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets. We give to you  
our present, with its struggles and accomplishments, its hopes and setbacks. We give to you  
our future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and possibility. We place our trust in the  
Spirit that breathes life. We trust in your love that will not let us go. We trust in your  
promise of the Word made flesh. Amen.

**HYMN 443**                      "Trust and Obey"

**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**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Isaiah 43:1-4  
**THE GOSPEL LESSON**                      John 3:14-21

**SERMON**                      "Are You Prepared to Die to Fear"                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**HYMN 430**                      "Be Not Afraid"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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: Dorothy McMullen, Bob Adams, Janet Keller, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Ron Luthman (son-in-law of Diana Prichard), Gladys Kill (mother of Larry Kill), DeWayne Marsee, and for all of our military and emergency services.
- 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**

*Don't forget, we have The Upper Room and These Days devotionals located in the Lounge, the Perry Street Entrance and in the Elevette Room.*

**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
Thurs.	9:00 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru Only
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.

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

**DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER!**

We are asking the congregation to help decorate the altar for Easter!! Donations of spring flowers for the altar need to be in Elevette Room by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!!!**

Interested in camp this summer? The 2020 summer camp registration portal is now open! Visit <http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/> to register for camp! There are opportunities available for people of all ages, so check your calendar and get ready for a summer of fun! If you have any questions about camp, see Mary Holtzapple!

Be sure to check out the Outdoor Ministries website for helpful information as you begin to plan for camp!

**AGAPE 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 **597 rolls** of toilet paper and **270 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 Greatest Gift of All**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)  
The puzzle is based on John 3:14-17



M J C V B G O D U O W T R H P  
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O S S C Q R L I F T E D K F X  
N O B E O L S I M P V G S D V  
D N Q W S O J I E Z D J O N L  
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M C L R P E R I S H E D K L W  
N A R Y N D I B D F X S N S H  
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K J C O Z H E S A D F C V D E  
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A H Z R Y Q U Y Z Z K U E V R  
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K B T H R O U G H G H S K U T

WORLD	THROUGH	GAVE	BELIEVES	SEND
SON	ETERNAL	GOD	PERISH	HIM
ONLY	LOVED	CONDEMN	WHOEVER	SAVE
SNAKE	MOSES	LIFTED	DESERT	LIFE



#### Isaiah 43:1-4

**1**But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Jacob,  
he who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

**2**When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.

**3**For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.

**4**Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

#### John 3:14-21

**14**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15**that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

**16**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. **19**This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20**Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. **21**But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.