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Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

**Our Giving to God February 29, 2021**  
**Current - \$2250.00 and Mission - \$40.00**  
**Attendance – 95**

***The altar flowers today are from Jim and Kris Vanderhorst  
in celebration of UCC Women's Week!***

*Today we welcome into our church family: Larra Lee Sue Bower, daughter of Karen and Brian Bower.  
We also welcome Ford Andrew Klosterman and Lucy Sue Klosterman into the church. Ford and Lucy  
are the children of Todd and Emily Klosterman. Grandparents are the late Larry Schaaf and great-  
grandmother Rose Leffel.*

***The roses on the altar today are in celebration of the baptisms***

***SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is one of our 5 for 5!***  
***Information and giving envelope is enclosed here with your bulletin.***

**TAKE NOTE:** Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the loose offering is designated to Breaking Bread.



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

March 7, 2021                      Third Sunday in Lent                      10:30 a.m.  
**Order of Service**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME - Extinguish the Third Candle in Lent

PRELUDE                      "It is Well With My Soul"                      arr. Riley

**\*OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.  
You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.  
You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.  
Let us worship the God who makes us one.

HYMN 649                      "Gather Us In"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family                      Birthdays  
The Wave

TIME FOR CHILDREN                      Mary Holtzapple

HYMN 682                      "The Fruit of Love"

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      "Great is Thy Faithfulness"                      arr. Berry

BAPTISMS OF Larra Lee Sue Bower, Ford Andrew Klosterman and Lucy Sue Klosterman

Introduction  
Questions of the Families  
Question to the Congregation

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child/these children being baptized, and to their families, as they live and grow in this Christian community?

People: **We promise our love, support, and care.**

Act of Baptism  
Responsive Prayer

Leader: God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day, as this community, these parents, and this child/these children, come together making covenant promises.

All: **We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, providing a safe shelter of your love in which this child/these children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that this child/these children will bask in your love as he or she makes his or her own journeys through this life. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC                      "Rescue" by Lauren Daigle                      Rachel Thornsberry

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 2:13-22

SERMON                      "Are You Prepared to Die to Apathy"                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN 251                      "I Come to the Cross"

**\*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 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**                      "Amazing Grace"                      Larson

**\*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 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 keep DeWayne Marsee in your prayers this week as he will be undergoing knee replacement surgery.
- 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 to set your clock ahead one hour on NEXT Saturday evening, March 13th, before you go to bed. That way you'll be on time for worship!**

**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
Tues.	10:00 am	Hannah Circle
	6:00 pm	Personnel Mtg. – H. Hall
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs.	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.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY**

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.

**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>.

**Luke Chapter 2**

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ABIDING	ABOUT	ACCOMPLISHED	AFRAID	ANGEL
AUGUSTUS	BECAUSE	BEHOLD	BEING	BETHLEHEM
BRING	BROUGHT	CAESAR	CALLED	CHILD
CLOTHES	COUNTRY	CYRENIUS	DAVID	DECREE
DELIVERED	ESPOUSED	FIELD	FIRST	FLOCK
FORTH	GALILEE	GLORY	GOVERNOR	GREAT
HOUSE	JOSEPH	JUDAEA	KEEPING	LINEAGE
MANGER	NAZARETH	NIGHT	ROUND	SHEPHERDS
SHONE	SWADDLING	SYRIA	TAXED	TAXING
WATCH	WORLD	WRAPPED		

**Luke 2:13-22**

**13**Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**14**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

**15**When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

**16**So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17**When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18**and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19**But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20**The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**21**On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

**22**When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord