

The altar flowers today are from Greg and Marsha Landers

*Our Giving to God November 8, 2020
Current - \$3,593.00 and Mission - \$275.00
Attendance – 78*

TAKE NOTE

- Stop in the Elevette Room and take a look at the crafts that the Women's Guild has for sale. New crafts are added weekly! Christmas is just around the corner!
- The Women's Guild are looking for old wooden shutters and scrap boards 4 foot-long 3/4 inch thick, 11 inches wide. If you have these and can part with them, please let Jane Nuss or Joan Leffel know.
- ✚ **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!

DEACONS NEEDED

Consistory is currently in need of four (4) new deacons to serve three (3) year terms beginning in January 2021. It is a great way to get to know other members in the church. If you are interested in serving your church on its governing board, there are four ways you can express your interest. You can contact any current Consistory member, the church office, Ralph Heckler, Consistory President, or Marsha Landers, Consistory Vice President.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
November 15, 2020

"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

November 15, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30a.m.
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has promised a new creation.

People: But we live amidst the old and, everywhere, scenes of destruction fill our eyes.

Leader: God is creating that world of equity, plenty, justice, and peace right now.

People: Where can we glimpse it, this new realm of God?

Leader: People, take hope, it's being built around you, and seeds of it lie within you. God nurtures them to life.

All: We will trust in the promise and look now for its fulfillment. We will be people of hope, people of joy.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

Introduction of Guests

***THE WAVE** *(Standing if able, and wave to your neighbor)*

OPENING HYMN 10 "Sing a New Song"

UNISON PRAYER

We thank you, Great God, for your steady love for creation, and all you do this day to heal, build, and sustain it in goodness and beauty. May the vision of what you do connect us to you in profound ways. We pray and work for your realm, in and among us, and we sing your praise, now and always. Amen.

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

Numbers 22:21-35

HYMN 40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

SERMON "Trivial Pursuit" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul's Brass Ensemble

HYMN 30 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

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

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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	

LiturgistLindsey Clausing
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

AGAPE MISSION: Times are tough right now, but we can't forget those who are in need of toilet paper and soap for the Agape clients. So far this year we have collected **1398 rolls of toilet paper (goal is 2000)** and we have collected **736** bars of soap. Monetary donations are very much encouraged at this time. You can make the check out to Jane Nuss, and she will go and purchase these items. You can mail a check to the church or to Jane Nuss directly at 13458 Howell Rd., St. Marys, Ohio 45885. If you want to purchase you can set items on the bench in the stairwell of the Christian Ed. Building.



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: Janet Keller, Verl Gayer, Dot Silver, Cheryl Kline, Deb Perry (daughter-in-law of Ron & Cheryl Kline), Ed Goldenetz, John Long, David Freewalt, and for all of our military and emergency services.
- Please keep the family of Naomi Sollomon in your prayers. Naomi passed away earlier this past week and will be laid to rest tomorrow.
- 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 **2020** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheet 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.

- ✚ **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!

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum Sunday School in Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Tues.	6:30 pm	5 Love Languages - Sanctuary
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Thurs	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru Only
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum Sunday School in Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!



Hope For The Holidays



For some, November, and December are the most difficult, emotionally-loaded months of the year. More than any other time, this particular string of holidays and seasonal changes doesn't end up feeling like the most wonderful time of the year after all. Instead, it can trigger difficult feelings like sadness, stress, anxiety, and depression. Grief from loved ones lost, trauma from holidays past, the cold dark weather, the lasting effect of COVID-19, there are many factors that make the holiday season hard for people. Join us for one free workshop led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, which will address the reasons why the holidays are hard. Learn strategies to cope with the season's blues, and make the holidays a hopeful time again. **There is no charge for these workshops. Please wear a mask.**



So, You Wanna Make A Resolution: Thursday, December 3rd, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm in Heritage Hall, will help to create a resolution success plan, as we look toward the new year ahead.

THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

Continuing November 17th - 6:30-7:30p in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Rhonda as we continue to identify our love languages which can help us better understand ourselves as well as our marriages, our friendships and strengthen our work relationships as we learn to communicate more effectively. **There is no charge for these workshops. Please wear a mask.**

GIVING THANKS COMMUNITY MEAL: This year will be a little different because of COVID-19. We will be doing carry out only, no eating in. It will be on Thursday, November 26, 2020, from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Instead of coming in the east entrance at the Memorial High School commons area, we will be handing out meals on the east side but the next door south of the commons area. No need to get out of car.

I am asking for any donations of desserts from each church, so that everyone can enjoy a true Thanksgiving meal. You can drop off desserts from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Then from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Memorial High School, again at

the door south of the commons area on the east side of the school. Please **no Jell-O or soft desserts** for they are too hard to pack for carry out.

MISSION MOMENT

Extravagant Opportunity

The one who was given much uses what he is given to make an even greater amount. The one who was given a moderate amount returned a moderate amount. The one who began with very little...wait for it...ended up with very little. Sometimes the parables can be hard to relate to in our modern context, but this one seems very familiar. Maybe the one who was given much really was smarter or more faithful. Or, maybe he just got better advice.

We all need supportive peers, wise mentors and the still small voice that is heard in our own prayer practice. In the parable, we don't know how the servants made the decisions they did. We don't learn who was advising them. But we do know the kind of support that is available to United Church of Christ ministers at many places along their career path.

United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA), the philanthropic arm of the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ, operates with a covenantal spirit as it:

- provides direct financial support and compassionate responses to authorized ministers, lay church employees, and their surviving spouses/partners, in times of urgent need and personal crises
- administers and raises funds for leadership initiatives that promote faithful and fruitful ministry across the United Church of Christ

Through the Minister's Financial Vitality Initiative, Next Generation Leadership Initiative, CREDO and the Annuitant Visitor Program, the UCBMA is a financial partner and perhaps more importantly a compassionate supporter to pastors and their spouses. From providing peer mentoring and education to young pastors with promise, or financial aid for the widows of long-serving pastors, the UCBMA is available to help and support ministers wherever they are on life's journey.

To find out how you can support those who are supporting ministers and more about the work of the UCBMA please visit <http://www.pbucc.org/index.php/art-ma-landing>.

Numbers 22:21-35

21Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. **22**But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. **23**When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road.

24Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. **25**When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again.

26Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. **27**When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. **28**Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

29Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now."

30The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No," he said.

31Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

32The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. **33**The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."

34Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

35The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.