

Alter flowers this morning are in celebration of Marilyn Schroer's birthday from her entire family. Happy birthday!

*Our Giving to God October 4, 2020*  
*Current - \$3546.00 and Mission - \$625.00*  
*Attendance – 88*

The loose offering today is designated to Breaking Bread

**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  
October 11, 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

October 11, 2020      Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost      10:30a.m.  
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME  
PRELUDE

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY  
Joys and Concerns of our Church Family      Birthdays and Anniversaries  
Introduction of Guests

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who do justice and righteousness are pleasing in God's sight and their lives give praise to God at all times. Give thanks to God who is all together good.

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: May God be mindful of us, the people of God's heart, and may we know the abundance of the covenant between us. Give thanks to God who is all together good.

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Though we have fallen short of God's hope, with mercy we are guided back to the fold by teachers, leaders, prophets, and friends. Give thanks to God who is all together good.

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

\*OPENING HYMN 652      "This Is the Day"

UNISON PRAYER

God of mighty deeds and gentle mercies, we gather to give you praise this day. We join with all of creation in uttering our small words of thanks for your steadfast love which endures forever. May our very lives be lived as a song of praise to you, the God of our salvation. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION

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

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament      Psalm 136:1-3  
New Testament      I Thessalonians 5:12-24

HYMN 685      "What Gift Can We Bring"

SERMON      "Rooted in Faith: Growing in Gratitude"      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

\*HYMN 14      "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*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

Liturgist .....Jill Dickman  
Acolytes .....Deacons  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO...

St. Paul's UCC would like to show our appreciation to the St. Marys School faculty, staff, and administration by sending a Thank You post card. Beginning TODAY we are asking everyone in worship to stop by the tables in the back of the sanctuary before and after worship to jot a note of thanks for all they do, especially during this challenging time.

A Note of Thanks to You from the Consistory

We note with appreciation the care exhibited by our members in attending worship and church meetings using hand sanitizer and wearing face masks. We are most grateful for all you do to minister to one another in helping to promote the health and general welfare of all by using social distancing and masking up.

**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 1262 rolls of toilet paper (goal is 2000) and we have collected 687 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.



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Eleanor Morgan, Verl Gayer, Joanne Dammeyer, George Turpin, 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.
- Prayers for Ruth Henschen in the loss of her husband, Willis Henschen, who was laid to rest yesterday.
- 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.

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!

**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.	10:30 am	Office opens to public
Tues.	10:00 am	Hannah Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	5:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
	6:00 pm	Consistory – in HERITAGE HALL
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum Sunday School in Heritage Hall
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE NEWS

Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. We are asking members to donate candy (no suckers or jaw breakers please) to pass out. Deadline October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help pass out candy, let Mary know.

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### Hope For The Holidays



For some, October, 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. There is hope for a happier holiday! Join us for this free workshop series which will address the reasons the holidays are hard. Learn strategies to cope with the season's blues, and make the holidays a hopeful time again.

Led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, the holiday workshop series offers three free classes. The first, ***Attitude of Gratitude***, addresses remaining grateful under stress. ***Understanding the Holiday Blues***, examines the season's depression triggers and offers strategies to battle them. Last but not least, ***So You Wanna Make A Resolution?*** will help to create a resolution success plan, because, YES YOU CAN!

Our holiday workshops are free and open to anyone who cares to learn how to make this holiday season as bright as it can possibly be.

- Attitude of Gratitude : Thursday, October 22nd, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
  - Understanding Holiday Blues: Thursday, November 5th, 3:00 pm -4 :30 pm
  - So You Wanna Make A Resolution: Thursday, December 3rd, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
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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

## TAKE NOTE

**Pastor Rhonda is on vacation this week. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will be on call for any pastoral needs.**

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### THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

**Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 20 6:30-7:30**

We all need love—we crave it-- In fact, every one of us have distinct desires, wants, and needs from life, and others, but not everyone expresses and receives love in similar ways. The five love languages, first introduced by Dr. Gary Chapman, clearly demonstrate these unique characteristics.

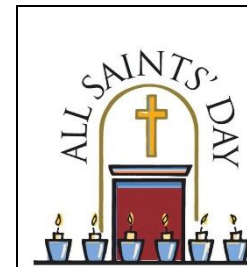
Learning to identify our love language can help us better understand ourselves as well as maintain healthy relationships in our marriages, our friendships and work relationships in terms of how to do things for people that they will value and appreciate, and also how to communicate your own needs for nurturance and support, romantic or not.

Join Pastor Rhonda beginning Tuesday, October 20, at 6:30 – 7:30 pm for a five-week study on the Five Love Languages.

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**ATTENTION:** Do you know anyone who could benefit from some extra food at no cost, once a month, delivered to their home? (such as cereal, juice, canned fruit and veggies, canned meat etc.)? Let Carolyn know at 419-394-3811 option 3

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Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. We will have a special service of remembrance along with a celebration of Holy Communion at the worship service. Please join us as we remember those faithful saints of St. Paul's UCC who have entered Life Eternal in the past year.