



## **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

September 6, 2020

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



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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"We Shine For All Through Christ"  
St. Marys, Ohio

September 6, 2020      Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost      10:30a.m.

Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME  
PRELUDE

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"      Percy Smith

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family      Birthdays  
Introduction of Guests

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We run the race of life every day. This, however, is our chance to stop, pray and feel the power of God's love surround us. God is deserving of the worship we offer now. Let us wholeheartedly praise our Creator with all our might, for we are the children of God!

UNISON PRAYER

O God, we have lots of our own ideas and wisdom about how to serve. Yet we also want to fall in line behind you. We want to follow your lead, hoping to live your healing actions, pass your word on down the line. We seek to love in the way you love. We listen now for your direction. We watch now to follow your gestures. Teach us in this worship. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC    "We Gather Together" (in the style of MacDowell)      arranged by Michele Murray  
Leslie Hullinger, pianist

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      "Seven Wonders of the World"      video

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 397      "The Gift of Love"

SCRIPTURE  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21

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

HYMN 521      "Abide With Me"

\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE      "All Things Bright and Beautiful"      Philip Lane  
\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit      .....Depart to serve

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Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music	Cynthia Hanover, Choir Pianist
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Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors	Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent
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 .....Lynda Hadley  
Acolytes .....Deacons  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God August 30, 2020*  
*Current - \$2,300.00 and Mission - \$216.00*  
*Attendance - 143*

**TAKE NOTE**

- *The loose offering next week is designated for the Auglaize Co. Council on Aging*
  - *RALLY DAY has been postponed until September 20<sup>th</sup>.*
- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** – You can dispose of your used bulletin in the trash can (recycle bin) by the Entrance/Exit (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

**Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ!**

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE –NOT AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19**
- ✚ **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	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.		Church Closed/Labor Day
Tues.	10:00 am	Hannah Circle
Tues.	6:30 pm	CE&N Mtg. – Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:00 pm	Consistory – <b>Sanctuary</b>
Thurs	4:30-5:15pm	Breaking Bread – Drive-Thru ONLY
Next Sun.	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**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.

**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:**

- Please say prayers for the following people: Irene Lininger, Eleanor Morgan, Mary Alice Stoner, 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.
- Donny Carroll is recovering at home after a brief hospital stay.
- 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 **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!

**Breaking Bread** is starting again (unless circumstances require otherwise). Thursday, Sept 10, 2020. Serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** Looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.

- September 10
- September 17
- September 24

**THE ELEVATOR FUND IS STILL IN NEED OF \$38,551.00**