

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NOVEMBER 2025



THE COMMUNICATOR

*"Food For Thought, Food for the Soul, and
Some Mashed Potatoes on the Side."*

Inner Change Leads to Faithful Action

Let's be honest, most of us like results without the process. We want the "new creation" Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 5:17, but we'd rather skip the "dying to self" part. It's like wanting six-pack abs without giving up donuts (I've tried; it doesn't work).

Faith isn't about trying harder; it's about being transformed from the inside out. Romans 12:2 reminds us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." In other words, God isn't looking for us to slap a Christian bumper sticker over a messy heart. He wants to do some spiritual remodeling, starting with the foundation.

When inner change happens, outward action naturally follows. Think of Zacchaeus in Luke 19: once his heart was touched by Jesus, he didn't need a sermon on generosity, he just started giving! True faith has a way of spilling out into how we treat others, how we serve, how we give thanks for each other and how we give grace (even in the church pews when someone sits in "your" spot).

So maybe the best place to start changing the world is not with louder opinions or busier schedules, but with a heart that keeps saying, "Lord, change me first." Because when God changes the inside, the outside can't help but follow.

And who knows, maybe that's the real miracle diet we all need.

- Pastor Ed



SPECIAL TIMES

ADULT FORUM 8:45am

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00am

Sunday Service Live Streamed
on Facebook and YouTube

**Televised Service - TSC
Cable, Channel 2 , Digital
Channel 1 (1 week delay)
Monday @ 7:00 pm**



St Paul's UCC St Marys, Ohio – Stewardship Committee - Congregation Connection

Sharing our God-given talents and skills to bless one another and our community

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Talents & Skills I'd like to share : As a Volunteer As a Business

(Check all that apply and/or add your own)

Teaching / Tutoring	☐	☐
Cooking / Baking	☐	☐
Sewing / Quilting / Knitting	☐	☐
Carpentry / Repairs / Woodworking	☐	☐
Gardening / Yard Work	☐	☐
Driving / Transportation	☐	☐
Computer Help / Technology	☐	☐
Music (singing, playing instrument)	☐	☐
Writing / Editing	☐	☐
Photography / Videography	☐	☐
Event Planning / Hospitality	☐	☐
Childcare	☐	☐
Prayer / Spiritual Encouragement	☐	☐
Budgeting / Financial Guidance	☐	☐
Artistic / Craft Skills	☐	☐
Public Speaking / Drama	☐	☐
Organizing / Decluttering	☐	☐
Pet Care	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐

How often I'd be willing to help:

- ☐ One-time projects
☐ More than once per year
☐ On a regular basis, such as once per month

☐ I give permission for my name and talent(s) to be included in the Congregation Connection directory shared within our church community.

Thank you!

By sharing your talents, you help us build a connected, caring, and creative congregation.

Please place this form in our collection box in the sanctuary, mail it to the church office or email it to:

SMstewardship@gmail.com



The Stewardship Committee is going to discuss and demonstrate how we can use our God given talents to be a blessing in someone else's life during the November 9th service. Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire on the previous page and return it to our team so that we can connect those in need with folks who are willing to help through our Congregation Connection.

Prayer and Care Ministry

Prayer Team: Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included on the public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, Carol's cell (419) 305-6164, or the church office.

You are invited to the “**Caregiving from the Heart Support Group**” held at St. Paul's. **The November meeting will be on the 3rd at 7:00 pm in the church Chapel.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. The session will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman. The purpose of the gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and locate helpful resources. Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, if you have any questions.

H.E.A.L.

HEAL is a once-a-month grief support group which provides a safe place where you or perhaps a friend of yours who has experienced a deep loss can feel surrounded by others who are walking the same or similar path. Too often, well-meaning friends and family try to empathize with us in our grief by saying “I know how you feel”. The truth is, no one really knows how you feel. Everyone must deal with bereavement in their own unique way. Grief does not go away or disappear in a few months, contrary to what others might expect and tell you. It is important to allow yourself time to grieve and time to begin to reshape the world that has changed all around you. Pastor Ed Karges invites you to come and experience comfort and a safe place of belonging, the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the chapel at St. Paul's UCC.

Adult Bible Study – *Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor* Thursdays, through November 13th, 6:30pm – 7:30pm Heritage Hall

Join Pastor Ed on a journey into one of Jesus' most powerful teachings: The call to love God, love ourselves, and love our neighbors. Together, we'll explore what these commands mean for our daily lives and how they shape the way we follow Christ.

Our time each week will include teaching, open discussion, and practical ways to live out God's call to love.



BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Breaking Bread has ended for this year, as our Kitchen Remodel is underway.

We will resume regular meals on Thursday, January 8th, 2026.

We have put together a list of some other upcoming meal opportunities in the area:

Mondays—Living Hope Church 1130 Indiana Ave, St. Marys

Eat in or carryout, serving 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Wednesdays—Grace Church 1001 Holly St, St. Marys

Eat in or carryout, serving 4:00 - 5:45 pm. (no carryout on 2nd Wednesday of the month)

St. Marys 'Giving Thanks' Meal: Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27, 11:00am—1:00pm at the High School, Eat in or Carryout. For shut in delivery please call Joni Gatton, 419-305-1997 no later than Nov 25, the Tuesday before the dinner.

Food Distribution: AGAPE Ministries (419) 394-8700 Call for details



LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S: The November Ladies' Luncheon will be at **JT's in St. Mary's** on Thursday, November 6th at 11:30 am. All ladies of the church are invited.

QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to ?? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332.

BINGO will be held on the following Tuesdays:

Nov. 4th — Vancrest 6:30pm Dec. 2nd—Otterbein 5:30pm

We are in need of BINGO helpers and cookies

Please call Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264 to let her know if you can help in any way.



REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, November 17th at 1:00pm in the Hospitality Room

Here is your opportunity to change lives:

Our yearly mission trip to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS, is scheduled for March 22-28, 2026. It seems a long way off but time flies. If you are interested, please let Jeanette Tangeman know, and she will get you all the information you need. Call or Text 419-234-7935, or email: tangeman@ohiolink.net.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who is continuing to bring in toilet paper for Agape! Our current total is about 1400 rolls. We are hoping to get to 1500 rolls by the end of the year. If you like, Terri or Janet can shop for you! Just put the \$ in the offering plate, designated for toilet paper for Agape and we will make the purchase for you.

November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, The day set aside in the Christian Year to remember those who have completed this life and now live forever in the church eternal. During the time of remembrance in our traditional service, the names of the members who have died in the past year are announced during worship time and a chime is rung in their memory. We also invite everyone to participate by remembering those you love by placing a bell on the **All Saints Banner of Bells**.



Everyone is invited to bring a small bell and to hang it on the All Saints Banner to honor those who you love, the saints who have gone before us. Bring as many bells as you would like. The All Saints Bell Banner is a symbolic reminder of all of those who have touched our lives and have been witnesses to our faith throughout our lives. Each bell represents a person whose legacy and life continues to be carried within our own.

The season of Advent is right around the corner. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30 with Midweek Advent services starting December 3. On the Sundays of Advent I will be doing a series using our themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The midweek services will be a series called “Christmas Needs You!” Make sure you join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and the midweek Wednesday night services at 7:00 pm. See you then— Pastor Ed

LOOKING AHEAD:

You're Invited to Our Advent Fellowship Meal!

Please join us for an evening of warm fellowship, delicious food, and joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Our Advent Fellowship Meals are a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and celebrate the season together. The meals will be on Wednesdays before the Advent Worship service.

Dates: December 3, 10, 17

Time: 5:30-6:45pm

Location: Heritage Hall

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



In October, St. Paul's welcomed a new member to the congregation. 'Welcome' to Beverly Zeigler! We look forward to worshipping with you.



TIME CHANGE! 11/02

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



4th—Jamieson McGee
5th—Greer Burke
13th—Aubrey Birt
21st—Colt Bower
21st—Presley Anderson
24th—Ryen Chisholm
27th—Zoey Briggs

The Sunday School Children have been listening to stories from the Old Testament, and we have begun practicing songs and handing out individual parts for the December 14th Christmas Program.

Our next KIDKONNECT event will be a fun time for family and friends on November 10th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have Sunday School on November 23rd (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Sunday School will NOT meet on November 30th.



Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group



Greetings, everyone! The youth group has been hard at work studying aspects of our faith this month. So far we have discussed the nature of the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and different Christian interpretations of atonement. The youth group also paid a visit to VanDemark Farms in Sidney for a fellowship outing, where we enjoyed solving a corn maze, playing miniature golf, taking a hayride, and other activities. Next up is planning for our Youth Sunday service, which will take place on November 23rd. Please join us as we showcase the talents of our young adult church members!

In Christ,
Nick Frankenhauser
Youth Director

Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's. **Just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door.** If you have a lot of cans and would like to take them to the recycling center and donate the proceeds, that may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support!

ST. PAUL'S HISTORY

THE KITCHEN REMODEL PART ONE



“So long” to the old kitchen and that scary stove!



Our Trustees and some other volunteers have been working hard as you can see. The old kitchen is now history! Next up, cleaning and painting the space.



ST. PAUL'S HISTORY

NOTES, STORIES, FACTS

FROM THE PAST

ISSUE 6



Front row: *Mrs. Gus F. Schmidt, *Mrs. William Heinrich, *Mrs. Fred Kelermyer, *Mrs. George Arnold, Mrs. Arthur J. Hoerath, *Mrs. Erdmund Mueller, *Mrs. Otto C. Lietz, Mrs. J. E. Limbacher, *Mrs. N. L. Steva, # Mrs. W. S. Richard.

Second row: Mrs. C. E. Steinebrey, Mrs. Fred Hartman, # Mrs. Henry Vogel, Mrs. Fred Vossler, Mrs. George Zepp, Mrs. Ray Beckett, Mrs. J. S. Hooper, Mrs. William Geiger, Mrs. Amanda Allebaugh, Mrs. W. A. Katterhenry.

Third row: Mrs. Ed. Hoewisher, Mrs. Austin Thompson, Mrs. Cleo Koons, Mrs. H. C. Kellermeyer, Mrs. Charles Edward, Mrs. William Lutterbeck, Mrs. H. W. Fledderjohn, Mrs. H. J. Snethkamp.

Fourth row: Mrs. John L. Schmidt, Mrs. Grover C. Grundish, Mrs. Herman Oelrich, Mrs. William Korpeter, Miss Amanda Elshowe, Mrs. Fred Steinecker, Mrs. Ferd H. Poppe.

*Charter Members

Life Member

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Arthur J. Hoerath
Vice President.....Mrs. Grover C. Grundish
Secretary.....Mrs. Cleo Koons
Treasurer.....Mrs. William A. Katterhenry

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in April, 1923, under the guidance of Mrs. Walter Scott Rickard with twenty-five ladies signing their names as charter members. They elected as their first officers Mrs. William F. Brodbeck, President; Mrs. Noah L. Steva, Secretary and Mrs. Otto C. Lietz, Treasurer. Meetings are held on the first Thursday evening of each month for the purpose of keeping abreast of the Mission-

ary work of the church by following an outlined denominational Guild program. The meetings also give opportunity for Christian fellowship and planning local activities.

This society recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and had occasion to review some of its accomplishments and blessings. The present membership is thirty-nine.



A special “Thank You” to all the volunteers that helped to prepare, serve, and clean up after the Fall Cafeteria! Thanks to all the bakers who provided all the delicious desserts for the meal and also the Bake Sale. It was an enjoyable evening of good food and fellowship!

The Women’s Guild made over \$2,800.00 on the meal and Bake Sale. These funds will be used to continue numerous church projects throughout the year.

Thank you again,
Women’s Guild



Thank you to the Women’s Guild & all the church ladies for the gift card. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

Blessings!
Kris Vanderhorst



Thank you to the church family for the beautiful card. It is much appreciated.

- Ruth Dustman



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Sidney Smith, who passed away on October 13th. We pray God’s Peace and Comfort at this time.



To the Organ Refurbishing Fund:

Melody Grunden in memory of William Grunden

To the Memorial Fund:

Lena Goldenetz in memory of (Charles) Ed Goldenetz

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2025

Current Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 200,180.25
Received through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 158,697.00
Expenses through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 164,446.51
Received through Sept. 30, 2024 = \$ 166,754.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 11,250.00
Received through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 10,069.00
Received through Sept. 30, 2024 = \$ 12,118.00

STATUS OF 2025 BUDGET:

Current Fund:

Budgeted through Oct. 31, 2025 = \$ 222,422.50
Budgeted through Oct. 19, 2025 = \$ 216,861.93
Received through Oct. 19, 2025 = \$ 168,596.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through Oct. 31, 2025 = \$ 12,500.00
Budgeted through Oct. 19, 2025 = \$ 12,187.50
Received through Oct. 19, 2025 = \$ 10,581.00



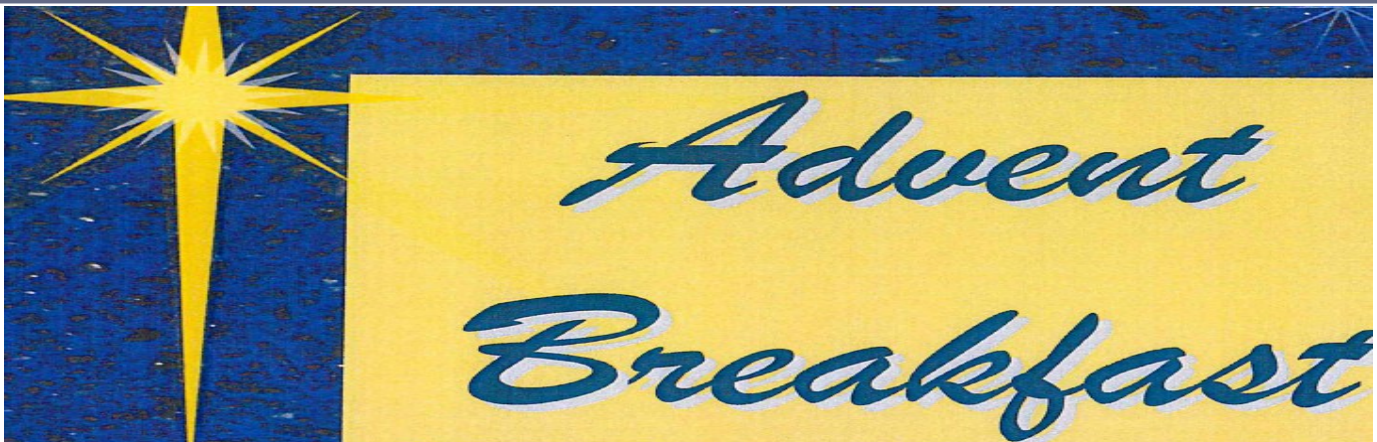
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NOVEMBER LOOSE OFFERINGS

November 2—Organ Refurbishing Fund
November 9—Goodfellows



The women of Zion are inviting you, women of other church congregations, to our Advent Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:30am in the auditorium. An elevator is currently available for handicapped access to the auditorium. Reservations need to be made by calling Zion's office at 419-394-3115 by Monday, November 24.

"God's Promises As Christmas Cards Unfold"

Zion Lutheran Church
210 N. Wayne St.
St. Marys, OH 45885

December 2nd 9:30 am
www.zionstmarys.org



The Bulletin Board

- ♦ If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know. The hospitals are not permitted to inform churches when a member is admitted.
- ♦ Please email the church office at smucc@bright.net with address corrections or if you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed during the correct month. Or, call 419-394-3811.
- ♦ **CALL-EM-ALL:** Please let the church office know if you are experiencing issues with the Call-Em-All phone messages. Also, if you would like to be removed from the call list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to “opt out” of any future broadcasts. This will remove your number from the calling list.
- ♦ **OFFERING ENVELOPES** - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also, if you are giving through VANCO and no longer wish to receive giving envelopes, please let the office know so we can stop the envelopes.
- ♦ **COPIES:** If you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. The Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper, or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own.
- ♦ If you would like to Volunteer to help stuff the Newsletters for mailing, please email us at smucc@bright.net and we will add you to the list; only takes about two hours, once a month.
- ♦ If you would be interested in receiving the Newsletter via email, rather than in the mail, please notify the church office and we will add you to the email list.
- ♦ We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2025** Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Ed will be on Vacation from November 14th through the 23rd and will be back in the office on November 24th. For Pastoral Emergencies during this time, please contact Rev. David Hainer at (616) 706-4496.

Highlights from the October 8, 2025 Consistory Meeting

- The Consistory met with representatives from the Boy Scouts to discuss the local Troop, will revisit in next month's meeting.
- 99 took Communion on World Communion Day.
- Kitchen remodel is underway, and will be ready for new paint soon.

NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 3 - Jennifer Lucas
Jennifer Briggs-McGee
Barbara Longfellow
- 4 - Charles Tuttle
Gunner Joseph
- 6 - Ann Vogel
- 9 - Laura Donovan
- 10 - Jim Hollman
- 11 - John Davis
Louis Dietz
Mooneen Wurster
- 13 - Carter Wale
Alex Mauter
- 15 - Holly Meeker
Todd Hollman
- 16 - Brian Knatz
Gary James Jr.
- 18 - Alexander Now
- 19 - Alison Craft
- 20 - Kyle Silver
Rachael Now-Smith
Tom Knous, Jr.
- 22 - Joanne "Barb" Dammeyer
- 25 - Ali Howell
- 26 - Matthew Knatz
Heather Moeller
Neva Rowen
Nancy Stabelli
- 27 - Ted Fox
- 28 - Irene Lininger
Sarah Walter
Karlie Lucas
- 29 - Robert Schumacher
- 30 - Dean Phipps
Paige Canfield
Scott Marsee
Amanda Now-Hertenstein

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- 4 - Todd & Melinda Nedderman
Scott & Emily Miller
- 7 - Jack & Jami Leffel
- 8 - Gary & Diane Steinbrunner
- 13 - Gregory & Sarah Walter
- 27 - Alfred & Pam Scheer
- 28 - John & Becky Davis
Donald & Laura Yelton



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <u>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</u>	2 Caregiving Support Group 7:00 pm	3 BINGO @ Vancrest 6:30 pm	4 Quilting 9:00 am VBS Planning Meeting 11:00 am	5 Personnel Committee 6:00pm Ladies Luncheon JT's 11:30 am Bible Study Heritage Hall 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	6 Bible Study Heritage Hall 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	7 Bible Study Heritage Hall 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
8 <u>YOUTH SUNDAY</u>	9 Rev. David Hainer Preaching	10 Organ Guild Meeting 11:00 am	11 Quilting 9:00 am <u>CONSISTORY</u> 6:00pm	12 Quilting 9:00 am KIDCONNECT 6:00 – 7:30 PM	13 H.E.A.L. 1:30 pm	14 H.E.A.L. 1:30 pm
15 <u>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	16 Pastor Ed Back in the Office	17 Rebecca Circle 1:00 pm	18 Deadline for information for December Newsletter	19 Vacation	20 Vacation	21 Vacation
22 <u>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	23 Hanging of the Greens	24 Hanging of the Greens	25 Hanging of the Greens	26 Hanging of the Greens	27 Hanging of the Greens	28 Hanging of the Greens
29 <u>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	30 Hanging of the Greens	31 Hanging of the Greens	32 Hanging of the Greens	33 Hanging of the Greens	34 Hanging of the Greens	35 Hanging of the Greens

