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NOVEMBER 2026

THE COMMUNICATOR

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



Thank You for Being the Church

November seems like a good time to simply say:
"THANK YOU!"

Church doesn't just "happen" on Sunday morning. It takes a whole lot of people sharing their time, talents, energy, and occasionally wondering, "How did I get volunteered for this?"

I am grateful for our administrative assistant who keeps things moving and often keeps the pastor moving in the right direction! Thank you to our Musicians and Audio, Visual, and Multimedia Team; our decorating teams who continually transform our church; our Children's Ministry Team, youth leaders, and Sunday School teachers who help our young people grow in faith.

Thank you to our Trustees, Deacons, Elders, and Custodians, and to everyone who serves behind the scenes, fixes what breaks, prepares what is needed, makes a phone call, offers a prayer, welcomes a stranger, or simply notices when someone needs a little extra care.

And thank you to everyone I forgot to name, which probably guarantees I have forgotten somebody!
What I love most is that none of us does this alone.
Together, we help one another become the people and the church God is calling us to be.
I am grateful to be serving alongside you.
- **Pastor Ed**

SPECIAL TIMES

ADULT FORUM 9:00AM
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



Dear Church Family,

It's time for a New Directory!

Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today at ucdir.com!

Gathering families, Connecting generations.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Nov 10 (Tuesday) **Online Scheduling Available!** Nov 11 (Wednesday)

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter oh3025 the Church Code field and enter Photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3



November 1 is All Saints Day, a day when we pause to remember and give thanks for those who have touched our lives, shaped our faith, shared their love with us, and now rest in God's eternal care.

During our All Saints Sunday worship, we will remember by name those from our church family who have passed away during the past year. As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit and a chime rung in their memory.

We also invite everyone in the congregation to participate in our **Banner of Bells**. During the three Sundays preceding All Saints Sunday, the banner will be displayed in the sanctuary. Beside it you will find bells, ribbon, and pins. You are invited to place a bell on the banner in memory of a family member, friend, teacher, mentor, or anyone whose life has touched yours. You may also bring a small bell of your own, and you may hang as many bells as you wish. Each bell represents a life remembered, a story treasured, and a person for whom we can say:

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

The season of Advent is fast approaching! The first Sunday of Advent will be November 29th with the Hanging of the Greens. Mid-week Advent services will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd. Throughout the Advent Season, Pastor Ed will be doing a Sermon series titled "The Cost of Advent." Be sure to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

You are 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. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

Dates: December 2, 9, 16
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Location: Heritage Hall





CARE MINISTRY

You are invited to the Caregiving from the Heart Support Group held at St. Paul's on **the first Monday of each month, at 7pm in the Chapel.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved), whether you are providing care within your home, within your loved one's home, or if your loved one resides in a care facility. Sessions will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette's absence). This gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Questions? Please contact: Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274.



PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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 Third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The HEAL group meets in the chapel at St. Paul's UCC.

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before then). **Grab and Go from your car only.** We are honored to provide delicious, free meals to our community. Meals are served every Thursday except the first one of each month.

Want to contribute to help with costs for the weekly community dinner? Donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted.



Upcoming Meals:

November 12

November 19

QUILTERS

Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9:00am until?? In the Sewing Room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at (419) 733-4332.

ATTENTION

LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S

There will be a Ladies' Luncheon at JTs on Thursday, November 5th at 11:30 am. All the ladies of the church are welcome to attend.





Bingo will be held on the following Tuesdays:

Nov. 3rd – Otterbein 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Dec. 1st – Vancrest 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Jan. 5th – Otterbein 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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.

A BIG **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated toilet paper for AGAPE! so far this year, we have donated well over 1500 rolls! Can we make it to 2,000 by Christmas? The need continues, as AGAPE has lost other sources that they previously had. Rolls can be left in the Hospitality Room, or if you would prefer to donate the $$ rather than purchase the rolls, you can place it in the Offering Plate and we can purchase and deliver.



October 7, 2026, was a day filled with preparation, delicious smells, hustle, bustle, fellowship, conversations and clean-up... **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and helpers who made the Women's Guild's 2026 Fall Harvest Meal and Market a success!! It takes many hands and hearts to provide a meal for 147 people and a market featuring seasonal decor and products, and delicious baked goods.

The Women's Guild appreciates everyone who purchased tickets, provided baked goods, assisted with setup and cleanup, and of course our wonderful chefs who prepared the delicious meal of Swiss steak or chicken breast, noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, beverage and pie, brownies, or cake for dessert.

The proceeds from the Meal and Market will be used throughout the year for projects and donations within the church and the community. Our first donation was to give Breaking Bread Community meal all the remaining food and desserts to use for their Thursday evening "Breaking Bread" meal service.

The event was a wonderful beginning to the fall and harvest season. Thanks All!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



4 – JAMIESON MCGEE

5 – GREER BURKE

13 – AUBREY BIRT

21 – COLT BOWER

21 – PRESLEY ANDERSON

24 – RYEN CHISHOLM

27 – ZOEY BRIGGS

27 – EVELYN COTTERMAN



The students sang wonderfully on World-Wide Communion Sunday. They sang "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" and "This Little Light if Mine."

On October 18th, we had three 3rd graders receive their bibles. The students were Colt Bower, Jill Frankhauser and Aubree Schlater.

We have begun practicing for our Christmas program which will be on Sunday, December 13th.





<u>Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group</u>

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

YOUTH GROUP News

Autumn greetings, everyone!
So far this fall season the high school youth have been studying the faith of David and the wisdom of Solomon. Recently, some of our members assisted with the Fall Harvest meal, working alongside the confirmation class to feed hungry neighbors, and the Lord blessed us with a beautiful (albeit cold) trip to Cedar Point. Nearly 30 of our youth members, guests, and chaperones braved the chill weather to travel up to Sandusky and enjoy a truly awesome day of fun and thrills. We now turn our attention to the planning of our annual Youth Sunday service, which will be on November 22nd. Hope you can join us!
In Christ,

Nick Frankenhauser
Youth Director



Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for June 14-20, 2027. Greg and Sarah Walter along with Dave and Kara Birt will be taking the youth on a mission trip to High Country UCC in North Carolina. We're looking for 16 high school and college age youth to join us. Contact Sarah 419-305-1952 to sign up and answer any questions you might have at this time.

The Bulletin Board

- If you would be interested in receiving the Newsletter via email, rather than through the mail, please notify the church office and we will add you to the email list. This lowers the Church's printing costs, paper usage and postage expense.
- 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 do not generally inform churches when a member is admitted, due to confidentiality.
- 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 you can call 419-394-3811 so we can get it corrected.
- CALL-EM-ALL: Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any 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.
- ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: *Don't forget that we 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* ***"Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement".*** *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!*
- 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 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 be willing to Volunteer to help fold the Newsletters for mailing, please email us at smucc@bright.net and we will add you to the list. This only takes less than two hours, once per month.

After All Saints Sunday, Pastor Ed will be on vacation for two weeks. During this time, Rev. David Hainer will be available in the event of a Pastoral Emergency. He can be reached at (616) 706-4496.
Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will fill the pulpit on November 8th, and Rev. David Hainer will be in the pulpit on November 15th.



Dear St. Paul's family,
I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the love and support that I received during my recent back surgery and recovery. The expressions of encouragement, prayers, and meals are much appreciated by Jean and I.
- Darryl Smith

We want to thank you for the cards, hugs and words of sympathy for the death of Nanette Price, my twin sister and aunt to Derick. She lived with us here in Ohio and joined the church with us. We really appreciate the "Remembrance Candle" that we received after her death. All of you became her family and she always looked forward to hugs on Sunday mornings.
Love to all in Christ,
Wynette Mase and Derick Johnson

St. Paul's UCC Congregation,
We want to say 'Thank you' for the many cards and "Congratulations" we have received from you all after our recent wedding. Also, a big THANKS to Pastor Ed for making the event truly special. We have been touched by the outpouring of well-wishes and pray God's blessings over you all.
- Steve and Stephanie Slawson

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,
On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer my sincere thanks for your support of Back Bay Mission. We continue to provide food, clothing, housing and other essential services to the Gulf's most vulnerable Citizens. Your help is truly appreciated!
In joy and service,
Lee Ann Shafer



<u>Memorial Gifts received since our last Newsletter</u>

- Lynn & Carol Schmidt, to the Organ Fund in memory of Nanette Price
- Melody Grunden, to the Organ Fund in memory of William Grunden
- Candace Youngs, to Breaking Bread in memory of Janet Hoge



We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends Of Nanette Price, who passed away on October 3rd. We pray that God send his spirit to come alongside you and offer his Peace and Comfort during this time.



FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2026

Current Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2026 = $ 202,881.51
Received through Sept. 30, 2026 = $ 151,768.00
Expenses through Sept. 30, 2026 = $ 167,927.00
Received through Sept. 30, 2025 = $ 158,697.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2026 = $ 11,250.00
Received through Sept. 30, 2026 = $ 11,232.00
Received through Sept. 30, 2025 = $ 10,069.00

Status of 2026 Budget:

Current Fund:

Budgeted through Oct. 31, 2026 = $ 225,423.90
Budgeted through Oct. 11, 2026 = $ 214,152.71
Received through Oct. 11, 2026 = $ 164,455.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through Oct. 31, 2026 = $ 12,500.00
Budgeted through Oct. 11, 2026 = $ 11,875.00
Received through Oct. 11, 2026 = $ 11,559.48

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Maddy Frankenhauser - Children's Music Director
Amy Keller - Confirmation Teacher
Nick Frankenhauser - Youth Director
Becky Anderson - Church Pianist, and Volunteer Coordinator / Special Music
Andrea Spencer - Organist
Ann Vogel - Organist
Darryl Smith - Organist
Jeanette Tangeman - Back Bay Missionary
Rich Spencer - Audio and Video
Jim Huckemeyer - Multi-Media
Derick Johnson - Multi-Media
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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

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 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **ALL SAINTS DAY**	2 Caregiving Support Group 7:00 pm	3 **BINGO at Otterbein 5:30pm–6:30pm**	4 Quilting 9:00am **PASTOR ED VACATION**	5 Ladies Luncheon at JTs 11:30 am PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 6:00 PM	6	7
8	9	10 **Directory Pictures**	11 Quilting 9:00 am **Directory Pictures** **PASTOR ED VACATION** **Consistory 6:00 pm**	12 Breaking Bread 4:30pm – 5:15pm	13	14
15	16 Rebecca Circle 1:00pm	17	18 Quilting 9:00 am	19 *H.E.A.L. 1:30pm* Breaking Bread 4:30pm – 5:15pm	20	21
22 **YOUTH SUNDAY**	23	24	25 Quilting 9:00 am	26 **THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	27 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	28
29 **HANGING OF THE GREENS**	30					





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