

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**"We Shine For All Through Christ"**  
**St. Marys, Ohio**

**March 31, 2024**                      **Easter Sunrise Service Sunday**                      **7:00 a.m.**

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**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**  
**WELCOME/LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**            "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"                                              Tanzanian Melody

**\*HYMN 288**    "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"    verses 1, 2

**\*EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: On this day we celebrate resurrection.**

Leader: The power of life has overcome the power of death.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

**People: Hallelujah! We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

**People: Hallelujah!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation.**

**We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #288**    "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"    verses 3, 4

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

**OFFERTORY, \*DOXOLOGY, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

"The Strife is O'er, The Battle Won"

Charles Callahan

**\*HYMN #317**    "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**THE EASTER STORY**    Matthew 28:1-10

**SERMON**    Telling The Same Old Story                                              Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**    (See insert)

**\*HYMN #289**    "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Postlude**                      "Rejoice, The Lord is King"                                              Peter Benjamin

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

*The beautiful butterfly stole was created for Pastor Rhonda by Susan Spencer. Thank you, Susan!*



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**Children's Music:** Maddy Frankenhauser

**Youth Director:** Nick Frankenhauser

**Confirmation:** Amy Keller

**Custodians:** Brad and Nam Gehrlich

**Missionaries:** All Members of our Congregation

**Audio and Video:** Rich Spencer

**Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer

**Pianist/Music Coordinator:** Becky Anderson

**Pianist:** Cynthia Hanover

**Pianist:** Kathlene Larson

**Organist:** Ann Vogel

**Organist:** Andrea Spencer

Acolytes .....Deacons

Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

***Our Giving to God March 24, 2024***

***Current - \$4,093.00 and Mission - \$130.00***

***Attendance – 115***

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2024 Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet** are located in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

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**LEGACY MEMBERS VISITATION.** Our lives may be broken and shattered, but we are granted restoration and resurrection. We can rebuild our estranged relationships by forgiving, initiating calls, sending a card of caring to the ill and to our Legacy members, and visiting the senior living communities here in St. Marys. Let's continue our journey together.

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The Ladies Luncheon will be held this week for ALL women of the church. It will be held at Shandy's Grill in Celina at 11:0 a.m. Please plan to attend.

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**WITH YOUR TREMENDOUS RESPONSE,** we have been able to donate 623 rolls of toilet paper to Agape since January! Please continue with your generosity as it is much needed and appreciated. Rolls can be left in the Hospitality Room or given to Janet Gibson or Terri Kerns.

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Deadline for the College Scholarship applications is April 1, 2024, at 3 p.m. Please drop them off at the church office.

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*"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."*

Matthew 28:6

### 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 "**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!*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

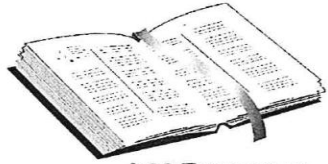
- Please keep the following in your prayers: *Tim Hirschfeld, Sharon Sullivan, John Long, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner and Ron Hunter.*
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who provide care for them.
- All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.

Have you checked out our church website? [www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com)

**PRAYER CANDLES:** If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary) and a designated helper will light a candle for you.



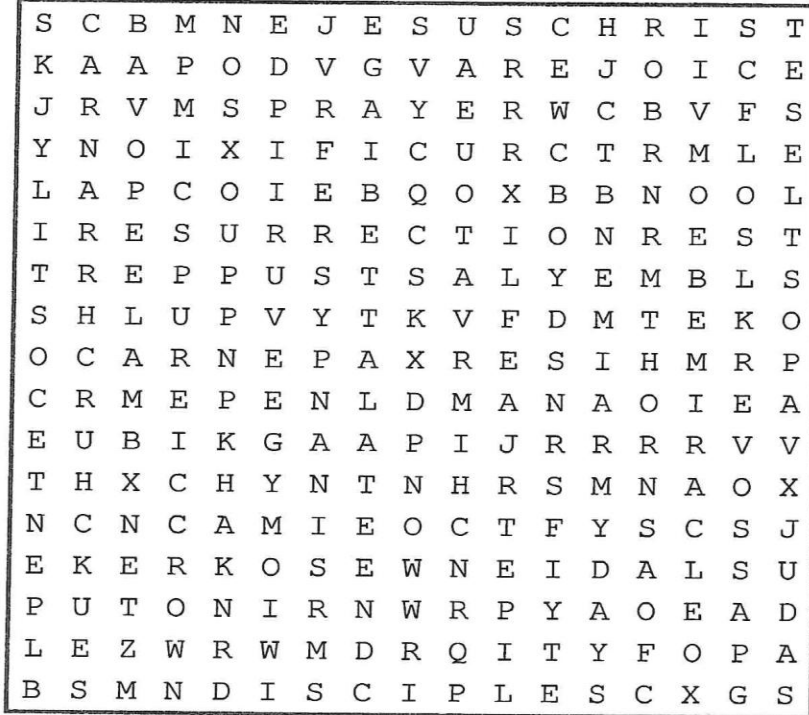
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# Easter Story

## WORD SEARCH

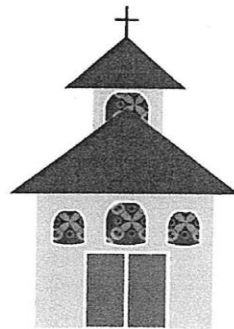
**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES  
BETRAYAL  
CAVE  
CHURCH  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
DISCIPLES  
FAITH  
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST  
JUDAS  
LAMB  
LAST SUPPER  
LENT  
MARY  
MIRACLE  
PASSOVER  
PENANCE  
PENTECOST

PRAYER  
REDEMPTION  
REJOICE  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
SAVIOR  
SON  
THORNS  
TOMB



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

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – Currently, while our nursery is not staffed during worship, parents are welcome to use the nursery and remain with their child. Children 1st Grade and older need to remain in the church. Thank you for your understanding.
  - ✚ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the Hospitality 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 **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. This is now shown LIVE on Sundays and shown a day later on Mondays.
  - ✚ **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) or on YouTube.
  - ✚ **EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.
- 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!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

#### Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Morning Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Monday		<b>Church Office closed</b>
	7:00 pm	Care Group
Tuesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
	5:30 pm	Bingo at Otterbein
Wednesday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Christian Education and Nurture Committee
Thursday	9 am-noon/1-3 pm	Church Office Hours
	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at Shandy's Grill, Celina
	6:00 pm	Personnel
Friday		<b>Church Office closed</b>
Next Sun	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

# Isaiah 65:17-25

## The Glorious New Creation

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;<sup>[a]</sup>  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

# John 20: 1-18

## The Resurrection of Jesus

<sup>20</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[b]</sup> 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold

on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**