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*Our Giving to God, July 9, 2023*  
*Current - \$3219.00 / Mission - \$185.00*  
*Attendance -110*

#### 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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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
 July 16, 2023



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Please note the colored notecards in the pews. Take a minute before church to answer the monthly “Stewardship Reflecting Question” that will be printed in the bulletin. Please write your response on your notecard and drop it in the offering plate! Either include your name on the card, or you can remain anonymous. Responses will be compiled and shared on the screens before church services.

Stay tuned for our next question in August!

**Everyone is invited** to the “Caregiving from the Heart Support Group” held at St. Paul’s, which meets on the first Monday each month at 7p 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 find helpful resources. Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, if any questions.

**WANTED!! Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers:** As a Sunday School Teacher/Volunteer, it will be your job to create an atmosphere and experience for the children in your care, that will teach, nurture and help them develop as individuals and as part of a Christian community. Lesson plans will be pre-planned, all you need to do is implement the lesson plans. Let Jane Nuss or Joan Leffel know if you are interested!

**Helping Each other Adjust to Loss:** HEAL is the St. Paul’s grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. The HEAL group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Chapel (next to the Sanctuary) at 1:30 p.m. This group is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward. The next meeting is on **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**

**AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION:** Let’s get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. We can also purchase the rolls for you. Just give your donation to Janet Gibson, Terri Kerns or the office. We will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew Chapter 13

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Q A O F S A Q B V X K Z A A R J Q R N F G L G S  
C E E U L A V T A E R G F O L R A E P U G V I H

Holy Spirit	Carpenters son	Son of Man
Crowds	Kingdom of Heaven	Nazareth
Unbelief	Belief	Judah
Simon	Joseph	James
Mary	Prophecy	Blessed
Jesus	Disciples	Hidden treasure
Pearl of great value	Treasures	Mustard Seed and the leaven
Parable of the weeds	Sower	Parables
Matthew		

**WELCOME!** St. Paul's strives to create a faith community where ALL God's people are welcome to come and explore God's presence in the world. If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor, Welcome Back. Please complete the Welcome card located in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Should you have a prayer request, please complete the Prayer card and place in the offering plate.

**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 people in your prayers: Evelyn Horner, Ann Hudson, Cheryl Kline, Shirley Harold, John Long, and Virginia Larmore (daughter-in-law of Kendra Strand). Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
  - 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.
  - We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2023 Altar Flower Charts, and the Liturgist sign-up sheets** are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

**AGAPE School Supply Program**

In order to ensure that the clients that are in need of school supplies receive what they need, Agape will be administering our school supply program differently for the upcoming school year. **We will not be collecting any supplies**, in a drive, but will be offering everyone the opportunity to sponsor a child. Each sponsorship will be \$15 each child. To sponsor a child, you can donate \$15 (or more) to Agape with a note of where the money is to go, or write School Supply Program on the memo line of your check.

- Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!**
- ✚ **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. **PLEASE NOTE** - Only Newborn to Kindergarten age children are permitted in the Nursery during our morning worship service to allow safety for the newborns and toddlers. 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 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 **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		
Today	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 pm	Quilting
Thurs.	1:30 pm	Heal Group
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**CREATING OUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our church is embarking on a strategic planning process to create a long-range plan for our future. We anticipate a 5-month planning process, with one, 2-hour meeting each month beginning this fall. We are looking for a group of 6–9 volunteers who are willing to serve as the task force for the planning process, and ask that you give consideration to participating. If interested, or would like to learn more about what is needed, please contact Ruth Knous, who is facilitating the process. She can be reached at [rknous@ohioymcas.org](mailto:rknous@ohioymcas.org) or by call/text at (419) 953-6274.

## Isaiah 55:10-13

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Matthew 13:1-9

New Revised Standard Version Updated

Edition **The Parable of the Sower**

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some

seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears,<sup>[a]</sup> hear!"

## Matthew 13:18-23

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### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this<sup>[b]</sup> age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."