

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

**September 17, 2023      Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost      10:30 a.m.**  
**Order of Service**

*Welcome to our Worship Service today. Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God.*

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**

**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 new today, please fill in the Welcome Card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

**PRELUDE**                      "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"                      Jason W. Krug

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather to worship,  
**People: you are with us...**  
Leader: When we are immersed in the waters of Baptism,  
**People: you are with us...**  
Leader: When we wander through the wilderness,  
**People: you are with us...**  
Leader: When we are searching, hoping, yearning,  
**People: you are with us...**  
Leader: When we find signs of your love in creation and one another,  
**People: you are with us...**

**\*HYMN #94**                      "Shout to the Lord"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements                      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**                      Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
**(Offer God's peace to those nearby)**

**\*HYMNS #689**                      "One Bread, One Body"  
**#699**                      "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE OPEN UP TO GOD**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD    \*DOXOLOGY**  
"Lord, I Need You" Arr. Mark Hayes                      Leslie Hullinger

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**  
**May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      "We're Marching To Zion" Arr. Mark Hayes                      Leslie Hullinger

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      1 Samuel 17:4-8, 32-33, 38-43, 48-49

**SERMON**                      "From Shepherd Boy to King"                      Rev. David Hainer

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      "Celebration!"                      David Paxton

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

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 Ann Vogel, Organist  
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 Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant  
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and  
 Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators  
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
 Andrea Spencer, Organist  
 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
 Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodians  
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary  
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist .....Diane Gayer  
 Acolytes .....Deacons  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, September 10, 2023*  
*Current - \$3322.00 / Mission - \$470.00*  
*Attendance -121*

*Altar flowers this morning are from Becky Anderson  
 in memory of her mother, Fae Steinecker's birthday*

#### 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.

**REMINDER! Next Sunday, September 24th, following worship, there will be a congregational meeting.**



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

September 17, 2023



UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST

**AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION:** Let’s get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. Rolls can also be purchased by giving donations 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.



If you are not already on the prayer team email list and would like to be, please provide Carol Schmidt with a valid email address. Carol’s email is: lschmidt@bright.net

**SAVE THE DATE:** **October 15th** following worship there will be a Pot-Luck Carry-In luncheon celebrating Rev. Jeanette’s 25th Anniversary of her Ordination! (*tableware, drinks and dessert provided*).

**CONGREGATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 24th**

A congregation meeting has been scheduled for September 24th, immediately following worship service. This meeting is to vote on changes to the church Constitution. Potential changes were included in your September 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin and today’s bulletin for your review prior to the meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

**Fall Cafeteria (October 4<sup>th</sup>) tickets are ON SALE NOW in the church office or with any Women’s Guild member!**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 18TH @ 9 a.m.**

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

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

1 Samuel

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Ark of the covenant	Bible	Dagon
David	Eli	Elkhannah
Goliath	hahahahahahaha	Hannah
Hophni	Knowledge	Philistines
Phineas	Prayer	Proverbs
Samuel	Saul	Teen Vision
Understanding	Wisdom	

**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: Jeanette Tangeman, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner, Cheryl Kline, Shirley Harold, John Long, Laura Yelton, Richard Larson, Tony McDonald, 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.

**SACRED SPACES TOUR OF CHURCHES**  
**A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

As part of the Auglaize County Bicentennial Celebration, the Auglaize County Historical Society has asked St. Marys area churches to open their doors to the public on Sunday, October 1, from 1-4pm for church tours. St. Paul's UCC is one of the churches listed on the tour. Along with the tours, the history of our church will be shared, cookies, punch, and coffee will be available for those visiting. These tours are open to the public. Everyone is welcome!

- 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 and Live Streamed		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. David Hainer
Mon.	9:00 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	1:30 pm	Heal Group lead by Janet Gibson
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**REMINDER**

Pastor Rhonda is out of the office this week. She is a Retreat Leader at as 5 Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. If you are in need of pastoral care, Pastor Anthony Brookhart of the Wapakoneta St. Paul UCC (419-773-0379) is filling in for her.

## 1 Samuel 17:4-8

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<sup>4</sup> And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was four<sup>[a]</sup> cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup> He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron, and his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup> He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose<sup>[b]</sup> a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

## 1 Samuel 17:32-33

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go

against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

## 1 Samuel 17:38-43

<sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

## 1 Samuel 17:48-49

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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**In response to the changing landscape of attendance, faithfulness, and being good stewards of our community together, your St. Paul's Consistory has recommended the following changes to the Constitution: (Paraphrased)**

#### **Article II - Faith**

***Insert a #4: "Romans 15:7, and welcoming all to join us in our faith journey."***

#### **Article VIII - Consistory**

***Revise #3: "Elders & Deacons...change 3 year term to 2 years."***

***Add a new #17: "Consistory to present an annual report to the congregation in February."***

#### **Article X - Congregational Officers**

***Revise to read: "The current Consistory President & Vice President shall serve same for the congregation." (Thus deleting the positions of President & VP of Congregation)***

#### **Article XII - Congregational Meetings**

***"Change to one meeting per year, held in December."***

***"Budget & Finance Committee to present annual church budget to Consistory for discussion and approval."***

#### **Article XIV - Delete entire Article**

***"All societies and committees are subordinate to the Consistory, and shall report annually to the Congregation."***

**Copies of the Constitution, with proposed changes, can be found at both entrance areas by the bulletins, or can be obtained in the church office.**