

*"A Smiling Joyful You." The poem was composed by Linda Mainard of Milwaukie, OR, who teaches a fifth-grade religion class and a Bible study at her church:*

*Today I saw a picture of You with a smile upon Your face. My heart became so joyful, I felt filled with loving grace. So many times You've been remembered with expression full of pain. As if the thought of portraying You happy would somehow be a shame. Surely as a baby You giggled and filled Your Mother's heart with joy. And there must have been some mischief too as You grew to be a boy. I try to just imagine You at play or happily climbing up a tree. At twelve, when You amazed the teachers, it must have set Your heart to glee. When You became a man and others gathered in curious fascination, I picture Your handsome face filled with wit and absolute jubilation. That first miracle You performed, quietly at the wedding festivities, records a time of merriment in Your amazing life's activities. Those very solemn images have been depicted a million times it's true. But I'm so glad I can now envision a smiling and joyful You.*

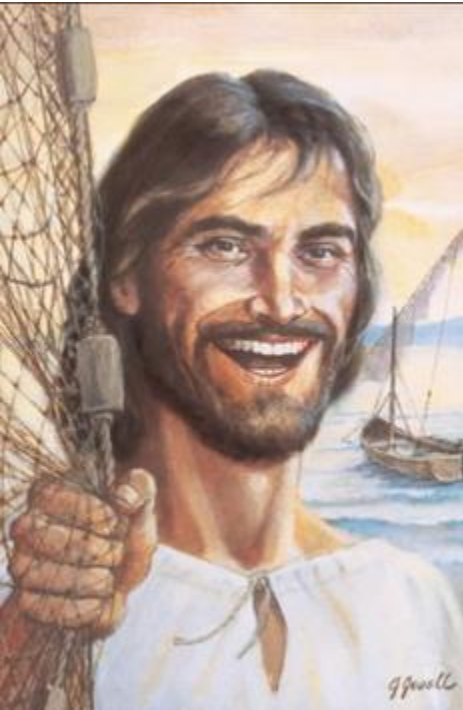
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***Our Giving to God August 15, 2021***  
***Current - \$1425.00 and Mission - \$25.00***  
***Attendance – 38***

***The flowers on the altar are from Joyce and Bob Roth in honor of Bernie and Marilyn Schroer's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!***

***Additional flowers on the altar are from Jeanette Tangeman in memory of her late husband, Terry Tangeman.***



The Risen Christ by the Sea

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
August 22, 2021

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



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

Holy Humor Sunday  
August 22, 2021      Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost      10:30 a.m.  
Order of Service

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY  
JOY BREAKS      Doug Spencer and Mike Laird  
PRELUDE (Sittin’ Down Music)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ready, Set, Go)**  
Leader: Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu.  
People: **When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.**  
Leader: I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin.  
People: **When he smiled, I realized I’d passed it onto him.**  
Leader: I thought about that smile. Then I realized its worth.  
People: **A single smile just like mine could travel the whole earth.**  
Leader: So, if you feel a smile begin, don’t leave it undetected.  
People: **A smile is God’s love reflected and helps us stay connected.**

JOY BREAKS  
**\*HYMN (Some Singin’)**      “I’ve Got the Joy In My Heart”      (screen)

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER (Talking to God)**  
God of joy, we confess that we often fail to live into your joy. We take momentary pleasure in acquiring things, eating too much, the fleeting situations we think will make us happy. We know that our true joy is only in you and in the life you offer us. Forgive us, turn us around, give us the wisdom to know your ways and walk in them rejoicing.

**\*HYMN (Some more Singin’)**      “Take Time to Be Funny”      (screen)  
(To the tune of Take Time to Be Holy)

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY  
Announcements      Introduction of Guests      Hoopin and Hallerin Good News

JOY BREAKS

TIME FOR SOME BAAAA D JOKES  
ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN (COME ON UP, KIDS)      Baabaa the Sheep

7<sup>TH</sup> INNING STRETCH (Passing the Peace to One Another)  
\*Leader and children: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also, with you.

JOY BREAKS

SCRIPTURE (Now a Word from our Sponsor)      Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

SERMON 4 2 DAY

JOY BREAKS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER      (using debts and debtors)

JOY BREAKS  
OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD  
Offertory: Special Music      Rachel Thornsberry  
**\*DOXOLOGY**      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”      No. 34

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**  
God of joy and laughter, we thank you for the lasting happiness you give, which we cannot earn or buy. In gratitude we bring these gifts, our offerings and tithes, with the prayer that you will use them to spread the joyful gospel of your great love for all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN (YEP, MORE SINGIN’)**      “Give To Us Laughter”  
(To the tune of Be Thou My Vision)

**\*BENEDICTION (We wish you well)**  
Leader: Go into the world with the delight of faith.  
People: **We go forth to dance and to sing that God is alive in us.**  
Leader: Go into the world with spirits filled by the Spirit’s joy.  
People: **We go forth to celebrate new life given and proclaimed.**

**\*POSTLUDE (Sit a spell or get up and goin’ out music)**

**\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit**      .....Depart to serve  
Our songs of praise were more joyful today because your voice joined ours      ---- Please come again.

***WELCOME!** If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor Welcome Back. Please let our sanctuary doorway greeters know you are visiting and receive a special gift of welcome.*

**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 "GivePlus Church". 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!*



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: John Hall, Don Farley, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, John Long, and Harold McCune. Also, pray for all of our military 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.



The **2021** Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist sign-up sheets are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

**We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.



**TAKE NOTE:** When returning Quiet Bags, please place them in the basket on the floor and NOT on the “trees”. Thank you.

**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** rest room 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. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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**

Today	8:30 am	Coffee and donuts outside (in Elevette room if raining)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer – Holy Humor Sunday
	11:30-12:15 pm	FREE Lunch in Fellowship Hall
	12:30-2:00 pm	Outside games and activities
	12:30-2:00 pm	Inside card games
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive-thru Only
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**TAKE NOTE:**

*Don't forget, we have The Upper Room and These Days devotionals located in the Lounge, the Perry Street Entrance and in the Elevette Room*

special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Many are longing to be heard, to have their pain acknowledged. They have a need to tell their stories, to be assured that someone is listening and cares, without advice or criticism. 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. **HEAL** or **H**elping **E**ach other **A**ddress **L**oss meets once a month, in the church lounge on September 16th at 1:00 p.m. and is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



Scrubbing bubbles? Isn’t there a song about scrubbing bubbles? No, not the one about scrubbing bubbles we work hard so you don’t have to, but something about bubbles and soap? Soap and water just go hand in hand. There are some people in our town that struggle to have soap. Hard to imagine, I am sure. But we can help! The Sunday School Department is CHALLENGING the church members **from August 29th to September 26th** to see who can bring in the most bar soap for Agape. We will give bar soap tallies to let you know who is ahead and who needs to kick it in gear. No matter who wins, we all will have completed a great mission project that included all ages of the church.

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I E S T E Y T C Y M I S Y A Q  
M D J M C V A I H G O T N R K  
J Y O G V H E N N I X B T E X  
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NEIGHBORS IN NEED  
SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year,

PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED