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Our Giving to God August 22, 2021
Current - \$2187.00 and Mission - \$75.00
Attendance -139

The flowers on the altar today are from Jim Huckemeyer
"In memory of Cindy Huckemeyer. This would have been her 70th birthday."

Pastor Rhonda will be out of the office this week. Pastor Jeanette Tangeman will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Next Sunday, Rev. David Hainer will be our guest preacher.

ALTAR COMMUNION CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER

Because of the Labor Day weekend, altar communion will be offered after worship on September 12th (the second Sunday in September, rather than the first).



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 August 29, 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

August 29, 2021 Fourteenth 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE "He is Lord" Ron Sprunger

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

People: May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Leader: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

People: Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

Leader: The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN 11** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God who loves us and whose creation we experience in so many ways by sight and hearing,
touch, taste and smell, may we experience your love and care as we gather in worship today. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader and children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

***HYMN 88** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using debts and debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Worship The King With Here I Am To Worship" Anna Laura Page

SPECIAL MUSIC Carol Gehres

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON "The Wrestling Match" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN 393** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

SPECIAL OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

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

***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: Janet Keller, John Hall, 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 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.
- **Choir Rehearsal starts 9/5/21 @ 9:15 a.m.**

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 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	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive-thru Only
Fri.		Church office closed for vacation day
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. C. David 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

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the church's Summerfest float. We ran out of candy and fans. But most of all we had great fellowship with everyone there. We appreciate everyone that helps us when we ask. Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel

RALLY IN THE ALLEY WAS FUN FOR ALL

Thank You to all who helped plan, prepare, and participate in our Rally in the Alley held last Sat. evening and Sunday through 2:00 p.m. The attendance was fantastic, and so was the weather. The Free Food and Fun activities were a huge success! A special thank you to all including: Kevin Gehres and Sesame Street Friends, Jim Huckemeyer, Lori and Eric Now, Sarah Walter, Ron Kline, Jim Rowen, Joyce Roth, Lynda Hadley, Marsha Landers, Amy Keller, Doug Spencer, Rich Spencer, Howie Spencer, Nick Frankenhauser and the High School youth, Grace Garrison, Kris Vanderhorst, Jane Nuss, Joni Leffel, Greg Leffel, Susan Braun, Ken Braun, Linda and Tony McDonald, Pam and Fred Scheer, Jill Dickman, Bob Schumacher, Turner Tents, Grand Lake UMC for the bouncy houses and pop corn machine and more. It Takes Teamwork to make the Dream Work ! Thanks to all, Pastor Rhonda



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.

*****There is a box at the rear (near Rich) of the sanctuary to collect the soap*****

FALL HARVEST MEAL

WANTED homemade bake goods for the October 6th Bake Sale which will be held in Heritage Hall from 1:00 to 6:00p. The Fall Cafeteria will be held on October 6th. The time of serving will be from 4:30 to 6:00p. We will be serving scalloped chicken, swiss steak, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, and desserts. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Children will be able to get a hot dog, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, and desserts. You can eat in or carry out your meals. So, come enjoy fellowship.

Proceeds from this annual all-church event (and the Bake Sale) support Women's Guild activities throughout the year. We hope you will support this meal as you have done in the past. ***Tickets are on sale now in the church office.***

Name: _____

Date: _____

Family worship

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Mark	Matthew	Malachi	Haggai
Zephaniah	Habakkuk	Nahum	Micah
Jonah	Obadiah	Amos	Joel
Hosea	Daniel	Ezekiel	Lamentations
Isaiah	Song of Solomon	Ecclesiastes	Proverbs
Psalms	Job	Esther	Nehemiah
Ezra	Chronicles	Kings	Samuel
Ruth	Judges	Joshua	Deuteronomy
Numbers	Leviticus	Exodus	Genesis
lying tongue	Haughty eyes	self-control	mildness
faith	goodness	kindness	Patience
peace	joy	love	obedience
agape	eve	adam	Antioch
john	jesus	paul	peter
judas	LEVI	LOt	Jehovah

Genesis 32:22-31

New Revised Standard Version

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man^[a] said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans,^[c] and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[d] saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.