

*Our Giving to God August 1, 2021
Current - \$4175.00 and Mission - \$305.00
Attendance – 94*

The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Ken and Susan Braun's 50th Wedding Anniversary

The Loose Offering today is designated to the Auglaize County United Way



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

August 8, 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 1, 2021 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather to worship God who loves, forgives, and meets with us individually and in community. Let us put aside those things that will get in the way of worship today.

All: We open our hearts and ears to hear God speaking to us through our worship today.

Leader: Through our words and actions, our very lives will pay tribute to God.

All: We gather to worship and praise God in community.

***HYMN 649 "Gather Us In"**

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God who loves us, who hears us when we are joyful and who hears us when we despair, hear our prayers and songs this morning. Be close to us as we worship in joy and in sorrow.

Help us to be close to each other, helping and supporting, and reflecting the love of Christ, In whose name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests Anniversaries Passing of the Peace

***HYMN 472 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Devlan Taylor

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 8:4-8, 11-18

SERMON "Wanted: Serious Sowers" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN 722 "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

****Altar communion following worship**

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor	Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music	Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Bob Schumacher, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director	Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

LiturgistAmy Keller
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

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 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.

Get Ready for Rally in the Alley!
See the Special Insert in your bulletin for details.
Saturday, August 21st, 6-9pm Sunday August 22nd 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Free Food and FANTastic Family Fun!

*****Financial donations for Rally in the Alley are always appreciated and needed*****

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

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory – Heritage Hall
Thurs.	4:30-5:15pm	Breaking Bread – Drive-thru Only
Sat.	4:30 pm	Summerfest Parade
Next Sun.	10:00 am	Worship with Rev. David Hainer
	10:00 am	Summerfest Worship in the Park with Rev. Rhonda Hainer and St. Marys Ministerial Assn.

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



Do You Have Extra Fluted Vases at Home?

We have had an abundance of baptisms lately (which is AWESOME!) and have run out of vases (pictured at the right). If you have any of this size, that you are able to donate, please do so by dropping them off at the office. Thank you!!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Carson Lee Schamp was born on August 1, 2021. Carson weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. and 21" long. Carson is the son of Calen and Madison (Ginter) Schamp. Proud grandparents are Steve and Jennifer Ginter, Great-Grandmother Sandra Clausing and the late Lee Clausing, and Aunt Natalie Ginter. Congratulations!

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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 **Helping Each other Adjust to Loss** meets once a month, in the church lounge on August 19th at 1:00 p.m. and is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

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Summerfest parade float – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to walk in parades? The church's Summerfest parade float on Saturday, August 14 needs **walkers to help pass out candy**. Youth must have an adult with them. We are looking for 15-20 walkers. If you are interested, please contact Jane Nuss.

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DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Please consider using your talents and sing with the choir. You can be any age and have lots or limited talents. If you sing in the shower, that will work!!! We have great fun together as we rehearse and enjoy each other's company. Time and date for rehearsing is TBA, and our first Sunday singing being August 29th. If interested, please let Jim Huckemeyer know of your interest. Haven't met Jim yet? He is sitting in the sound booth almost every Sunday.

Jericho Prayer Walk is coming up. The walk will take place at Memorial High School on Rt. 66 just north of St. Marys. We will meet nightly at 6:30 by the flagpole behind the school and should be finished by 7:00. The dates are Wednesday August 11th thru Tuesday August 17th as school starts on the 18th. This is for all ages and is a time where we as a community cover our schools in prayer for the upcoming school year. Please join us as many nights as you are able to. Thank you, Steve Stroh