

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

January 2, 2022 **Second Sunday after Christmas** **10:30a.m.**
Epiphany * Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE "To Follow the Star" Franklin Ritter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun
People: **O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice**
Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future
People: **O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**
Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement
People: **O Lord, remind us that You lead us**
Leader: O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year, in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation. We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things we are afraid of: worries about health and family, job security and finances. There is much to look forward to – weddings or anniversaries or baptisms, holidays to enjoy, friends to laugh with.
Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope. Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and we place every day of this year in your care knowing that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with constant love. And so Lord, we place ourselves into your keeping and dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #229** "The First Noel" vses1-5

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests Birthdays

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CONSISTORY MEMBERS
INSTALLATION/COMMISSIONING OF 2022 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Pastor: Jesus gathered faithful members to lead the community of faith and to work in the world on behalf of God's hope and vision to build the divine realm here on earth. Jesus commissioned these people with - the bread of life, the cup of a new promise, the light of truth and the word of good news.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL WE NEED!

Pastor: Jesus sends you into the world to cast out prejudice, anger, fear, and greed; to share the good news of peace, justice, mercy, and joy.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A WORTHY TASK!

Pastor: People of God, Followers of Christ, as you have been gifted, you will now answer the promises to serve this community of faith.....

(Questions to be asked)

Congregational response: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to offer you Christian love, honor your leadership, assist and support you, so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

HYMN #233 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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 Rachel Thornsberry

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Hope For the New Year" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN #218 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

May the God who gave us this year and the Savior who walked at our side each day and the Spirit who filled us with life abundant, grace the coming year with peace and hope and joy,
Amen.

POSTLUDE

“The Opening Year”

Lani Smith

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

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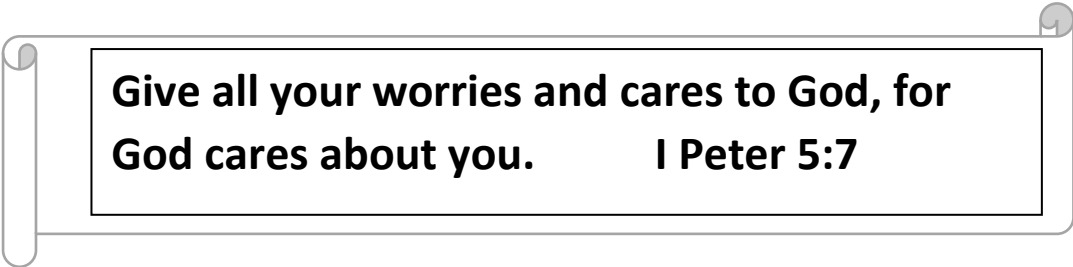
Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor	Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children’s Ministry Coordinators
Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music	Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Madeline Frankenhauser, Children’s Music Director
Carolyn Garrison,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

LiturgistLynda Hadley
AcolytesConfirmands
Children’s offering.....No children this week
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God December 24, 2021
Current - \$1166.00 and Mission - \$15.00
Attendance – 186

Our Giving to God December 26, 2021
Current - \$2635.00 and Mission - \$65.00
Attendance – 56

THE LOOSE OFFERING TODAY IS DESIGNATED TO THE REFURBISHING OF OUR CHURCH ORGAN



SATURDAY ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERIES: If you order altar flowers, be sure to let your florist know that the **Elevator entrance** is the **only door** that will be open on Saturdays, and that **deliveries must be made before we lock up at noon**. Thank you.

DEADLINE

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR COMMITTEES, ETC.

Carolyn will soon begin preparing the 2021 Annual Report. Please submit your report to her by **Tuesday, January 18th**. If you can type and send it by email, it is most helpful - she can cut and paste!! If you have any questions, please give her a call in the church office.

Mission Moments: “Another Road”


Many church stewardship teams breathe a collective sigh of relief at this time of year. If your stewardship season arrives with autumn and winds up around Advent, the new year is often a time to take a break. But the thing is, God’s grace is evident through faithful giving all year long. So, it might be time to imagine a new rhythm of stewardship that weaves stewardship into every season of the church year. Here are suggested stewardship activities for every month of the year. Which of them are you already doing? Which of them seem like they might be helpful? What would you add to this calendar?

- January - Send a message from the Pastor with help in laying the biblical foundation of how church giving is different from your members’ other giving opportunities.
- February - Invite each of the ministries of the church to communicate how their work is a reflection of the greater mission of the church.
- March - If you send a quarterly giving statement, consider adding a brief communication about how the gifts are used to further the church’s mission. Include pictures!
- April - Send a message from an elder member, reflecting on why they give to the church, and how their giving has changed over their lifetime.
- May - Encourage church members to write wills and make estate plans that reflect their faith commitments.
- June - Assemble a group to lead a fall stewardship campaign and spend the first meeting inviting sharing about why each person gives to the church.
- July - Share a message from a member of the wider church staff and host a conversation on how that message relates to your local congregation’s work.
- August - Take a retreat day as a community to pray about how each person’s gifts and graces might be utilized to grow your church in both numbers and in spirit.
- September - Create and share a chart that shows the average giving to the congregation. Ask members to prayerfully consider where they are on the chart and where they want to be.


- October - Send a message from a younger church member about how their giving relates to their faith.
- November - During your church Thanksgiving celebrations, find a personal way to thank those who give to the church.
- December - Ask how the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love encourage church members to be generous, extravagant givers.

Name: _____

Epiphany Word Search



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FIRST MIRACLE	REVELATION	MELCHIOR
FRANKINCENSE	BALTHAZAR	BAPTISM
WISE MEN	BETHELEHEM	HOLIDAY
THREE KINGS	CHRISTIAN	JANUARY
TWELFTH DAY	EPIPHANY	CASPAR

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Novice

WELCOME! 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 back side 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 "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: Vern Luedeke, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, and Harold McCune. 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 or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
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- The **2022** 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.

AGAPE HAS ASKED US TO SWITCH OVER TO BUYING THESE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

- Cleaning Supplies*
- Toilet Cleaner*
- Spray Cleaner*
- Shampoo*
- Body wash*
- Small salt and pepper that come together in cardboard container*
- Cooking oil*
- Brown Sugar*

Thank you supporting our Agape Mission
Jane Nuss

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
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. David Long Higgins

**THERE IS COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
IN THE ELEVETTE ROOM**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday, Rev. David Long Higgins, our Conference Minister, will be leading worship and presenting St. Paul's with the Thomas Patten Award.
- Consistory has voted that the loose offering on the first Sunday of each month be designated to the refurbishing of our church organ. Our loose offering Next Sunday will be for Crossroads.
- We are in need of Liturgists. The sign-up sheet for 2022 is on the bulletin board by the sound equipment.

Isaiah 60:1-6

New Revised Standard Version

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,^[a]
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

New Revised Standard Version

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,^[b] and have come to pay him homage.” **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah^[c] was to be born. **5** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd^[d] my people Israel.’”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men^[e] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” **9** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,^[f] until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped,^[g] they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.