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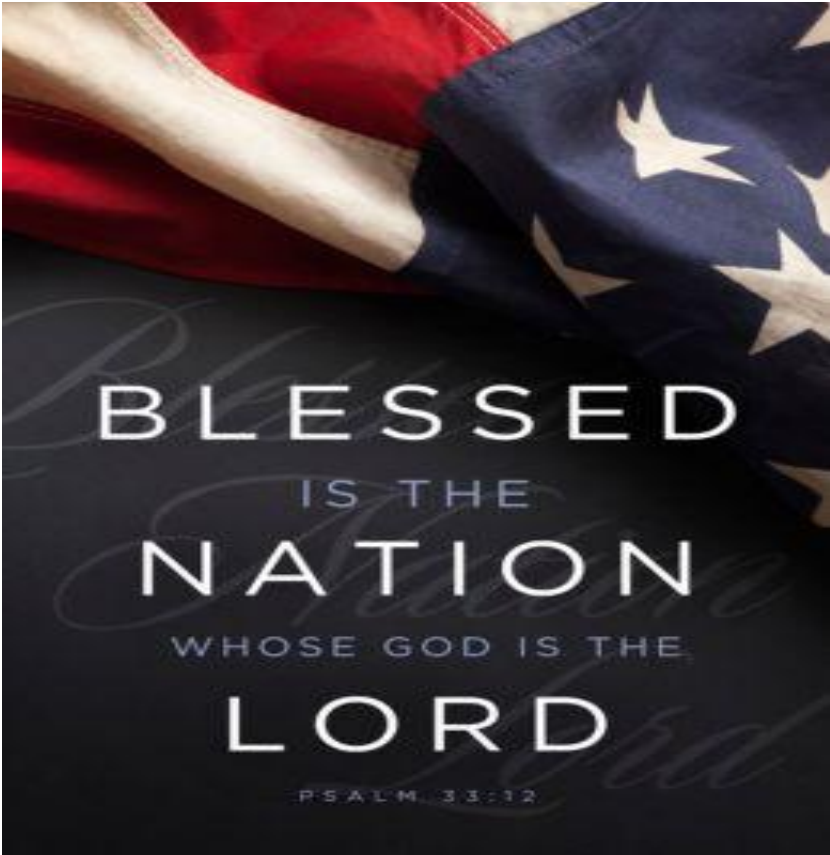
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LiturgistJill Dickman
AcolytesDeacons
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God June 27, 2021
Current - \$1642.00 and Mission - \$125.00
Attendance – 93

The altar flowers this week are from Greg and Sarah Walter
and family in celebration of Independence Day!

The loose offering NEXT SUNDAY is designated to the
St. Marys Summerfest as voted on by Consistory



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
July 4, 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

July 4, 2021 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.
Order of Service

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE "God of Our Fathers" J. Wayne Kerr

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship
 of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Happy are the people who serve the God of Jacob.

People: **Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we gather to praise and worship you and to pledge to you
our loyalty and our service. Bless our gathering and our remembering,
our hearing and our speaking, that all honor and glory may be yours.
Bless us that we may be a blessing— to you, to our community,
to our nation, and to our world. We ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 30 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

OPENING PRAYER: Freedom

Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us
to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice
and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your
gracious will. We ask this on a day of celebration, a day of hope for a nation made free.
We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live
and worship in your freedom and for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

~ adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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

*HYMN "This Is My Song" insert

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
 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Samuel Ward

SPECIAL MUSIC "God Bless America" Rachel Thornsberry

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 8:21-33

SERMON "The Burden of Freedom" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

*HYMN 731 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE "God Bless Our Land" John Scriveyne
*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit Depart to serve

**Due to a special Consistory meeting following worship, altar communion is delayed until next
Sunday, July 11th



***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: Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, John Long, and Harold McCune who is in Hospice. 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. **Liturgists are always needed!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.”

Interested in becoming a member? Contact Pastor Rhonda to set up a time to learn the process for formally joining St. Paul’s UCC. You'll learn more about who we are, our beliefs, and our mission. You'll also get to hear the story of our church and discuss what it means to be a member of this congregation through serving, growing in your faith journey, moving toward generosity, and more. You'll have the opportunity to join the church at the end of the class if you choose. If you have any questions, contact rhainer@bright.net or 563-210-3508.

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
	11:00 am	Executive Session Consistory Mtg. – H. Hall
Mon.		Church closed for Holiday
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30pm-5:15pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru Only
Fri.		Office Closed/Vacation Day
Next Sun.	10:00 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.

Wanted -- NEEDED

Person(s) to fill in when Rich and/or Jim are gone on vacation

Video and sound are an important part of our weekly service.

Please prayerfully consider helping with multi media.

Contact Rich or Jim if interested.

AGAPE MISSION: Our *goal again this year is 2000.* Let's get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are **1065 rolls** of toilet paper and **441 bars** of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.

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 July 15th at 1:00 p.m. and is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

BOOKS AVAILABLE – LAST DAY TODAY

Do you like to read? Do you know someone that likes to read and could use some more books? At the June 9th Consistory meeting it was approved to clean out our church library. There are books for every age in the library and will be available for members to take any books they would like to have. Any books left after today will be donated.

Summerfest parade float

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.

We have a need! The church's Summerfest parade float is needing some natural or ivory color burlap for the float. Do you have any burlap or clean over-sized drop cloths that we can borrow? We will return the burlap/drop cloth when we are done. Please contact Jane Nuss if you have any we can borrow. Thank you!



July Fourth Word Search



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| ADAMS | FOURTH | NATION |
| AMERICA | FREEDOM | PARADE |
| BARBECUE | HOTDOGS | REVOLUTION |
| COLONIES | INDEPENDENCE | RIGHTS |
| CONGRESS | JEFFERSON | STATES |
| DECLARATION | JULY | THIRTEEN |
| EQUALITY | LIBERTY | UNITED |
| FIREWORKS | | |

John 8:21-33

21Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.”

22This made the Jews ask, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you cannot come’?”

23But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”

25“Who are you?” they asked.

“Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied. 26“I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.”

27They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. 29The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” 30Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”