

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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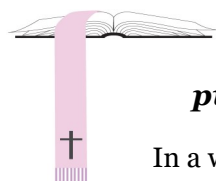
March 2024



THE COMMUNICATOR

Rhonda's Reflections

Rome introduces pineapple pizza and it's the secret to Lent



In a world of endless conflicts and divisions, I discovered a new one. It's actually more humorous than troublesome. In Italy, where the bragging rights about the best pizza are significant, one chef has introduced a new spin on the traditional culinary delight. Pineapple pizza. The idea of putting pineapple on pizza is not new in other parts of the world. (although it is usually something you love or hate.) But in Italy this is considered heresy by many people. Until recently. Now, a well-known chef is creating pineapple pizza, and a new generation is not opposed to it. While it seems unorthodox, the chef felt this is part of the pizza making tradition: *All you need to change is one ingredient, or one preparatory step, and you create a whole new thing.*

There are many ways we can observe the holy season of Lent. So central to our life of faith, it cannot be ignored. Perhaps we need an image to shake us out of "business as usual this Lent." What if your Lent was a pineapple pizza? I don't mean literally eating one each week. What I mean is what is the one ingredient you can change this Lent 2024 and create a whole new thing? The new ingredient is not found in your pantry. The new preparatory step is not found in a cookbook. It might be found reading Scripture every day or attending Midweek Wednesday evening Vespers at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.. Even more, it can be found in your heart.

Can we enter Lent and add the ingredient that doesn't fit into your schedule or the way you always observe this season. It might involve a phone call, volunteering to help with Breaking Bread, to deliver meals, to pick up a member and bring them to worship, logging off social media, or standing with someone for whom you have no answers, only presence. Doing these things when every inclination is to insist you have no time. Think how interesting the conversation will be when someone in the weeks ahead asks, "How's your Lent going?" And you respond, "Like a pineapple pizza."

See you in church,
Rev. Rhonda

MIDWEEK VESPERS

Lenten Vespers: Each Wednesday evening during Lent, all are invited to join in midweek *Lenten Vespers*....for this quiet, reflective oasis of worship. These brief (30 minute) services are intentionally designed to give you an anchor, to re-focus your life on God during Lent. *Lenten Vespers* will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings (February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20) in the sanctuary. *Lenten Vespers* will invite us to rest in God's presence through candlelight, silence, reading of scripture, singing, and prayer. Each Vespers service will lead us into a time of praying through themes of darkness, uncertainty, emptiness, feeling lost, temptation, journey, and the light of Christ the Redeemer.

SPECIAL TIMES

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

**Sunday School and Adult
Forum 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am**

Sunday Service Live Streamed
on Facebook and YouTube

**Televised Service - TSC
Cable, Channel 2 , Digital Channel 1
(1 week delay)
• Monday @ 7:00 pm**

LENTEN/ EASTER SERVICE TIMES

*Wednesday Lenten Vespers will be
held on March 6, 13, 20 at 7:00
p.m.*

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	10:30 am
Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
Good Friday	7:00 am
Easter Sunrise	7:00 am
Easter	10:30 am



Join us for our "Third Sunday Membership Opportunity" on the third Sunday each month

Sunday, March 17 at 11:45 am

following the 10:30 am Worship Service

If you are feeling led to be a part of our ministry, join us as a member of Christ's body by becoming a member of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. We invite you to our "Third Sunday" membership opportunity. You can meet with the Pastor and a few elders from the Consistory following the worship services on the Third Sunday of each month. If you are ready to make a commitment, you will be received into membership at that time. You will then be recognized during worship the following Sunday (or the next Sunday you will be in attendance).

We meet in the Chapel (former library) (on the left side of the church). Please contact Pastor Rhonda with any questions at 563-210-3508.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Prayer and Care Ministry

Prayer Team: Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in the public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, the church office or text 419-305-6164.

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You are invited to the Caregiving from the Heart Support Group held at St. Paul's on **the first Monday of each month, at 7pm in the Chapel (formerly the Library).**



Worship Connect Grow Serve Share

This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved), whether you are providing within your home, within your loved one's home, or if your loved one resides in a care facility. Sessions will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette's

absence). This gathering to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Questions? Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274 with any questions at 563-210-3508.

HEAL

HEAL is a once-a-month grief support group which provides a safe place where you or perhaps a friend of yours who has experienced a deep loss can feel surrounded by others who are walking the same or similar path. Too often well-meaning friends and family try to empathize with us in our grief by saying "I know how you feel". The truth is no one really knows how you feel. Everyone must deal with bereavement in their own unique way. Grief doesn't go away or disappear in a few months, contrary to what others might expect and tell you. It is important to allow yourself time to grieve and time to begin to reshape the world that has changed all around you. Pastor Rhonda invites you to come and experience comfort and a safe place of belonging. Every Third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. the HEAL group meets in the chapel at St. Paul's UCC.

The following are a few verses from the Bible which can be a source of comfort and strength to you through the coming weeks and months.

Words of comfort Isaiah 43: 1-4,
Psalm 23: 1-6, Matthew 11: 28-30, John 14:1-3, John 14: 27

Rest, Pray Listen in the Chapel

Once again throughout Lent, the Chapel is available. Lenten devotional and prayer materials are available for your use while you are sitting in the chapel or to take home with you to read there. The Chapel is open everyday at any time during office hours, or prior to or following worship on Sundays and any time before or after Lenten Vespers on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment or longer to rest, pray, listen.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 5th



Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life.

Together, we are investing in communities worldwide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all.

These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.



Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. Today, you have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.



EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

St. Paul's UCC High School and Middle School Youth Groups will once again be hosting an Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service on March 31st. The breakfast is free to all members and guests of the church, although donations are accepted. We hope you will join us for good food and fellowship as we give praise to God for the sacrifice of His Son and the Good News that it brings to us!



Liturgists Needed for 2024

We are always in need of liturgists for our upcoming worship services. Let your voice ring out ... as often as you like! If your son or daughter is a Senior, and plans on applying for a church grant, this is an opportune time to sign up to be a Liturgist and show your involvement in the church! Please sign up in the Sanctuary or contact the Church

**MANY THANKS
FOR
THE LANTERNS**



THANK YOU



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THANKS

175th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



The committee was impressed with the great music concert held on Feb 4th with lots of local talent. We will have a celebratory dinner on June 9th. Pantry Pride will be our food supplier. Rhonda will do the worship service for that Sunday. Asking Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins to come for Rally Day on Sept 8th.

We are still awaiting for recipes of the fish fry side dishes from Cal Caywood. Looking into the cost of yard signs and banners for celebration.

David Hainer is checking with suppliers for a special memento to commemorate the event.

History Corner

The Evening Leader; 12 Jan 2024

By SKYLER MITCHELL Associate Editor

There are plenty of places of worship within the city of St. Marys, but the St. Paul's United Church of Christ holds a special place after its initial formation 175 years ago.

The church was formed in 1849 under the original name of the German Evangelical Protestant Congregation of St. Marys, Ohio under the Reverend Adolph Conradi. According to Church Historian Alfred Scheer, as well as the church website, the church had some issues when it came to deciding on doctrine, something that would not be fixed until 1864.

"The separation of the two congregations in 1864 was the most significant event," stated Scheer about one event that played a large role within the church's history. "Rev. J. Bundenthal who was serving as pastor at the time of separation, stayed with the Lutheran group."

"The small independent congregation now had to establish new policies and more definite organization to move forward," continued Scheer. This would lead to the creation of St. Paul's, as well as the Zion Lutheran Church. This led to the formation of the church's own doctrine that they had to be followed, leading to actions being taken, such as electing a consistory, electing a pastorate and eventually following Prof. Philip Schaaf's Catechism of Christian Doctrine.

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HISTORY CORNER

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The church has had a variety of pastors since then, each having their own unique achievements and contributions to the church itself. While originally the congregation thought it would disband, it eventually grew under the leadership

“From 1886- 1921 Rev. Christian Baderscher, Rev. Peter S. Kohler and Rev. Frank H. Rupnow each had a large part in the growth of St. Paul’s membership growth,” said Scheer. “[It made it] necessary for them to build a new church and then build a new bigger one 27 years later.”



The church grew first under Baderscher, who started his pastorate in 1886 and ended up continuing for 13 years. The church had to adopt a resolution in 1887 in order to raise money for a new brick church, having it completed in 1888, a building that stood until 1919.

Rev. Kohler joined shortly afterward, having been elected in 1900 and wanting to prepare the church for the new era. This included amending the church constitution, as well as setting the groundwork for improving the church as a whole and hopefully expanding it. He was also credited for bringing English teachings to Sunday School in order to help the church improve its standing in relation to English-speaking churches, as most of the services had previously done in German.

Finally, Rupnow would be elected in order to bring the church to its new, and still currently used building. The erection of the new church was finished in 1915, resulting in the demolition of the second church 1919.

The church can also boast of having hosted a variety of programs and groups over the years, some of which include the Saint Paul’s Men’s Association, The Young People’s Society and The King’s Daughters. Scheer made special note of the Women’s Guild.

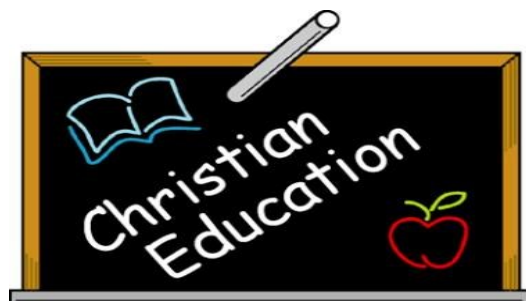
“The Women’s Guild carries out many types of projects all through the year,” said Scheer. “From hats and gloves at Christmas to, care packages for servicemen, break bags for school children, cards and letters to shut-ins, funeral dinners, fall cafeteria and craft sale fundraiser and bake sale for cancer drive.”

The church intends to celebrate its 175th anniversary this year, with some special events planned for this year. As of right now, a special event called the 175 Years of Music was planned for early February.

“Our organ refurbishing committee and the anniversary committee planned a program featuring musical talent from this area,” said Scheer. The event took place at the church on Feb. 4 at 3 p.m., with no admission and refreshments being free.

For more information on the church and its history, feel free to check out the St. Paul’s UCC website.





MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

2 – Tyler Birt
6 – Carson Long
7 – Henry Klosterman

13 – Ava Winget
20 – Piper Marsee



We have been busy practicing our songs that we are going to be singing on February 25 during the church service. In January we started with the New Testament lesson. We are studying the journey of Jesus. Nursery children came and sang with Maddy. They love to sing. They really enjoy singing *This Little Light of Mine*. From 8th grade down, all the students made cards for the Valentine bags. The high school youth have discussion on different world topics. King David and King Solomon are the topics for the 7th grade class.

Jane Nuss

**Come and smile as our
Sunday School children sing
and wave palms.**



Wow, I can't believe it's almost Eastertide! St. Paul's high school youth have been busy discussing Lent and trying to take on some less-traditional fasts and activities during this meditative season. We will also be assisting with the Palm Sunday service this month and holding an overnighter before Easter, leading into our traditional Easter Breakfast after the sunrise service. The Youth also plan to attend an escape room at Escape Wapak toward the end of this month, and are exploring more unique fellowship activities in the local area.

In Christ,

Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director

High School
YOUTH GROUP
St. Paul's UCC



Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's - **just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door.** If you have a lot of cans and would like to take them to the recycling center, please donate the money to the youth. Thank you for your support.



GRANT APPLICATIONS: Grant forms are available in the Chapel and in the church office



Thank you so much for the Valentine's bag. I enjoyed looking at the cards and also the treats. Goll Bless all of you!!

Cheryl Kline

Thank you so much for the afternoon of delightful music! It was very enjoyable! Being baptized , confirmed and married in the church, I have many wonderful memories from being raised there. Prayers for continued great success, faith and love.

Kathy Frankenberg

Thak you for the Valentines and candy, I really appreciate it.

Janet Hoge

Dear Becky,

Thanks so much for the visit. I loved hearing the work many are doing to keep things running smoothly. The many valentines to open was fun—also very good candy! Your visit was much welcome.

Janet Swartz



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Keller who passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Beverly Miller, who passed away Saturday, February 17, 2024.

IN MEMORY

To the Organ fund in Memory of Janet Keller: St. Paul's Women's Guild, Janet Swartz, Ron and Margaret Hunter, Carol Waesch, Janet Gibson, David and Marilyn Dickman, Steve and Leslie Hullinger, Sue Schnelle, Hole and Kellermeyer Families, Eric and Suzanne Langsdon, Sean and Amber Cooper, Bernie and Marilyn Schroer, Adele Fast, Doug and Andrea Spencer, Shirley Bernard and family, Dorothy Quellhorst, Tom and Jill Dickman, Janice Katterheinrich, Dale Schmidt, Harold Poppe, Melody Grunden, Bob and Pam Prater, Beth Mabry, Mark & Laura Maag, Greg and Marsha Landers, and Lynn and Carol Schmidt.

To the Organ Fund in memory of Ned and Fern Johns: Kraig and Mirian Johns, and Kathy Frankenberg.

To the Organ Fund in memory of Shirley Huckeriede: Laura Maag.

To the Endowment Fund in memory of Janet Keller; Bill and Jane Nuss.





Camp is a special experience where we gather and learn how to live in community, growing as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation. CAMP Theme is: Fun, Faith, Community. Contact Jill Frey, Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries, jill@heartlanducc.org.

- **June 16–22: M.M.A.D.D. (Music, Mindfulness, Art, Dance, Drama). Ages 8-18**
- **June 16–22: Camp "Out" . Ages 8-18**
- **June 23–29: Sportscamp. Ages 7-18**
- **July 7- 10: Pathfinder. Ages 10-14**
- **July 7- 10: Family Camp. All ages**



June 12 - 15, June 30 - July 3, July 14 – 17:

Grands & Family, ages 4-13 (With Parent or Grandparent)

June 30 - July 3, July 14 - 17: July 10-13: Seek and Sip. Ages 21+ C



ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S CAMPERS!!

Church camp info has arrived! Jane Nuss will have information in the Gathering Room. If you would like to attend church camp, and have not yet registered online, please stop in the Gathering Room for camp information.

Please inform Jane Nuss if you are going to church camp by May 1st so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please e-mail Jane, or text/call her: e-mail to jnjl2021@gmail.com or cell number Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you e-mail, or call or text us instead of leaving a message for us at the church office. There will also be a signup list in the Gathering Room.

We need to know by April 15th if you are attending camp so we can compile the list for the funds that the church applies for each camper attending from our church. Our church will need to send our camp sponsorship before May 1st. The balance will be paid by the parents by May 15.

We are a very caring church family. If there is anyone who cannot attend church camp due to financial hardship, please reach to Jane. We have members who are willing to help a child have the opportunity to experience camp.



The **ULTIMATE EASTER BAKE SALE** is back for another year – bigger and better than ever!! The best bake sale in northwestern Ohio is back – March 28 starting at 11:00 am and all day March 29 at Minster Bank here in St Marys. We are counting on all of you to dust off your recipes and help us make this a big success again with your awesome creations!

This has become quite an event in St Marys with the best in “Church Lady” baking for miles around. As in the past, all money raised will be donated to Tailgate for Cancer of St Marys. We’ve become pretty famous for our awesome Easter themed creations – from Jello eggs to homemade pies to cut out cookies. We also accept “please don’t make me bake” donations.

If you have questions, please contact Sara Seewer or Lynda Hadley. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Thank you to all who baked cookies and donated socks and underwear for Crossroad. Jim and Neva Rowen again delivered 30 dozen cookies, 58 pairs of youth socks and 64 underwear.

Valentine cards and treats in decorated bags were delivered to 20 of our homebound members and Valentine cards with a \$10 Subway card were sent to 20 of our college members. Thank you to all who included cards or notes to our members and for delivering the bags and for writing a special note for our college/military members.

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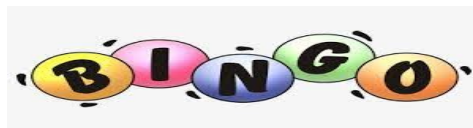
KROGER REWARDS UPDATE: Thanks for supporting this program! Our supporters (38 members) who shopped at Kroger between 11/1/2023 and 1/31/2024 have contributed to our \$122.99 total donation. If you want more information on how to join this program, contact Kris Vanderhorst, 419-394-2112.

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ATTENTION: LADIES OF ST. PAUL’S There will be a Ladies Luncheon at JT’s on Thursday, March 7th at 11:30 a.m. All of the ladies of the church are welcome. Please **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by noon on March 4.**

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QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332. (**Note: We don’t meet in the summer months**)



Bingo will be held on the following Tuesdays:

Tuesday, March 5th – Vancress 6:15-7:15 pm

Tuesday, April 2th – Otterbein from 5:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7nd – Vancress 6:15-7:15 pm

We are in need of BINGO helpers and cookies Please call Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264 to let her know if you can help work the Bingo or if you can bring cookies.

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS CELEBRATING IT'S FOUNDING IN 1849

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS
HOSTING A PARTY
JUNE 9th at 10:00**

175 YEARS IN THE MAKING!

A Picnic Lunch
will be served in
Fellowship Hall
Following the
Service. June 9th

Hamburgers &
Hotdogs with
side dishes pre-
pared from our
favorite recipes.

Call the Church
Office to for meal
reservations

The church's history
will be displayed in
Heritage Hall. Many
one hundred year
old papers, past
pastor pictures,
confirmation pic-
tures, booklets and
numerous artifacts.



Early Days

On June 10, 1849 a group of German Protestant Christians of St. Marys organized the "German Evangelical Protestant Congregation of St. Marys, Ohio" under the leadership of the Reverend Adolph Conradi who was then pastor of the St. Peter's Congregation in New Bremen, Ohio. According to a report made by Rev. Conradi to the Joint Synod of Ohio (now a part of the American Lutheran Church), the congregation consisted in the beginning of about thirty families. This congregation was destined to become the mother of the two fine, strong, congregations now known as "The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church" and "St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church", respectively. By an act of the State Legislature this congregation was incorporated in 1850 and the certificate of charter was granted.

Apparently the purpose for the founding of this congregation was two-fold: (1) to provide a means of worship for German-speaking people and (2) to provide the type of religious liberty that the founders sought in coming to America from Germany. Fearful of ecclesiastical tyranny, the Congregation was organized independently of any denominational affiliation.

**AGAPE TOILET PAPER
MISSION – YTD total is**

only 297: Let's get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. Rolls can also be purchased by giving donations to Janet Gibson, Terri Kerns or the office. We will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project.



***COMMISSIONING OF
THOSE MEMBERS
GOING TO BACK BAY
THIS MONTH***

Please pray for the team heading to Back Bay in March from St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys:

Jeanette Tangeman

Ralph and Marsha Heckler

Kevin and Carol Gehres

Neal McCune

Tom Knous

Miriam Lynch

Karen James

Amy Keller

Diane Gayer

Janet Gibson

Jim Huckemeyer

DeWayne Marsee



These folks will have the opportunity to serve in three of the Mission's Ministries: Housing rehabilitation, food pantry, and the Micah Day Center. A Service of Commissioning for the team will be during worship on March 10. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

**MARCH LOOSE
OFFERINGS**

- ♦ March 3—Organ Refurbishing Fund
- ♦ March 3—One Great Hour of Sharing
- ♦ March 10—Disaster Kits



MARCH 10



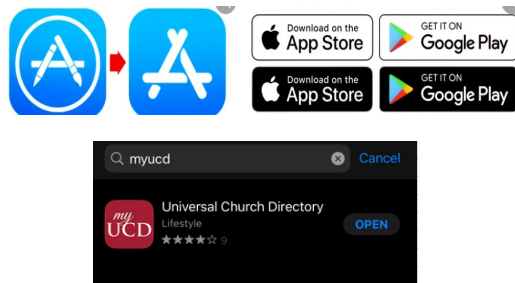
BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** We are looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.



- March 7 NO MEAL
- March 14
- March 21
- March 28

Want to contribute to help with costs for the weekly community dinner? Donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted.



Step 1: Download the App from the App Store or Google Play

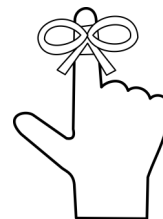
Step 2: Enter your unique identifier sent to you via email

Step 3: Click "Open" and your App is ready for use.

If you did not receive an e-mail or have any questions: Please call

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 "**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**" 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!*



Deadline for articles, announcements, etc. for the **March 2024** Communicator will be **March 20th.**



The Bulletin Board

If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.

Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!

CALL-EM-ALL - Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. **Also, if you would like to be removed from the calling list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will remove your number from the calling list.** Thank you!

Cell phone # for Pastor Rhonda (563) 210-3508

- * **rhainer@bright.net** – Rev. Hainer's e-mail address.
- * **smucc@bright.net** - church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/ messages for the Sunday bulletin.
- * **jnl2021@gmail.com**- Christian Ministry Directors email address.
- * **youth.stpaulsucc@gmail.com**- High School Youth Director email address.
- * **cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com** to contact Carol Schmidt for the Prayer Team Requests or text 419-305-6164.
- * **spmedia@bright.net** – to contact Jim Huckemeyer or Rich Spencer email address.
- * **www.stpaulsuccsm.com** - church website address and most current worship service videos can be seen here.
- * **VANCO electronic giving** - Download Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for “**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**”. The download is free.
- * **Televised worship service**- our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 OR non-digital channel 2, LIVE** every Sunday at 10:30 am and one day delayed on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

COPIES - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office, and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, please call ahead. **Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper, or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2024

Current Fund:

Budgeted through January 31, 2024 = \$23,382.70

Received through January 31, 2024 = \$15,297.00

Expenses through January 31, 2024 = \$16,663.00

Received through January 31, 2024 = \$15,093.33

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through January 31, 2024 = \$ 1,250.00

Received through January 31, 2024 = \$ 1,150.00

Received through January 31, 2024 = \$ 585.00

Status of 2024 Budget:

Current Fund:

Budgeted through February 29, 2024 = \$ 46,765.40

Budgeted through February 11, 2024 = \$ 35,074.04

Received through February 11, 20234 = \$ 23,935.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through February 29, 2024 = \$ 2,500.00

Budgeted through February 11, 2024 = \$ 1,875.00

Received through February 11, 2024 = \$ 1,685.00

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE February , 2024 CONSISTORY MEETING

- ♦ Diane Gayer made a motion to accept the job postings for Administrative and Nursery Supervisor. Advertising for the positions will begin.
- ♦ The pastor reviewed her busy past month, informing consistory of visitations and Janet Keller's funeral. She noted that when she visits our legacy members, they often say they appreciate the visits and the cards they receive from church members.
- ♦ During his Financial Report, David Dickman reported that giving is good. He stated the ending balance is in line. He reported the Organ Refurbishing Fund currently has three CDs and there is probably enough in the savings to take out another CD.
- ♦ Larry Kill said the toilet and floor in the restroom in the Hospitality Room was repaired. He reported that the white board requested by the Youth Director has been installed and the area of the wall around the white board has been painted. All twelve of the cameras, old and new, have been replaced and/or installed for safety purposes. The images they show are very clear and look great.
- ♦ Janet Gibson said the CE&N Committee will be working with the St. Marys Theater group to show the movie *E.T.* The cost will be \$285, and the money will come from the Sunday School savings account.
- ♦ The Christian Mission and Outreach Committee would like to donate \$1,000 to the Back Bay Mission and donate \$250 to the Auglaize County Fair for the Gospel Tent .
- ♦ David Hainer was present and reported that the computer in the church office needs upgraded. He said he had secured funding for the hardware, but the church will need to purchase Microsoft 365 .
- ♦ Consistory then was given a presentation on Strategic Planning by Chairman Ruth Knous.

HELP WANTED!!

SUNDAY NURSERY SUPERVISOR—This part-time position is responsible for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for children (birth through kindergarten) while their parents/guardians attend Sunday morning worship service.

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to worship to open the Nursery and remain until all children are picked up following worship service.
- Monitor and encourage safe play among the children.
- Maintain a sign-in record of children in Nursery, parent contact information and any special information (allergies, etc.).
- Respond appropriately in emergency situations.
- Supervise toy clean up.

Interact with church and community members in a positive and cooperative manner.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT—This part-time position (30-35 hours per week) is responsible for staffing the church office and performing administrative tasks. The administrative assistant reports to and works with the Pastor, Personnel Committee and the Consistory and is responsible for the following:

- PREPARING DOCUMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING SUNDAY BULLETINS, MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS.
- RECORDING MEETING MINUTES AT MONTHLY CONSISTORY MEETING
- COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERSHIP USING CALL-EM-ALL MESSAGING SYSTEM AND UPDATING CHURCH WEBSITE
- MAINTAINING THE OVERALL CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS.
- MAINTAINING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS.
- MAINTAINING RECORDS OF GIVING; FINANCIAL REPORTS; BANK DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS, AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
- PREPARING PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION FOR ACCOUNTING FIRM.

WE ARE SEEKING SOMEONE WHO ACTS WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY TO INTERACT WITH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN A POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE MANNER AND DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT AND INITIATIVE TO PERFORM OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED.

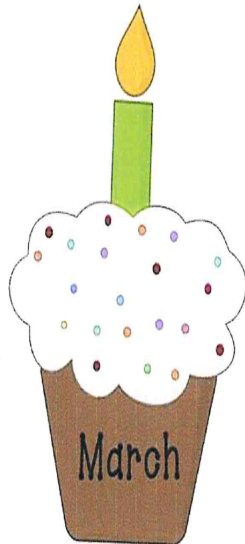
For these positions, please submit a resume and cover letter to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, OH 45885 Attn: Personnel Committee. The required documents can also be submitted via email at smucc@bright.net. Equal Opportunity Employer.



BIRTHDAYS MARCH

- 1 - Mary Smith
Amy Keighley
Linda Rohde
- 2 - Todd Nedderman
Dawn Brodbeck
Rhonda Hainer
Tyler Birt
- 4 - Ben Tuttle
- 6 - Leroy Kogge
- 7 - Wilma Dyer
Galen Cisco
- 8 - Nathan Koeper
Joel Tangeman
- 9 - Rebecca Rasaweher
- 12 - John Lauth
- 13 - Sharon Anderson
- 15 - Lucy Spencer
- 16 - Kevin Quellhorst
Alex Spencer
- 17 - Penni Carroll
Abby Tuttle
- 18 - Brian Scheer
- 19 - Jeff Nuss
Christopher Lhamon
- 20 - Duane Thomas
Howie Spencer
Nicole Dicke
- 21 - Becky Mann
- 23 - Cathy Hirschfeld
Beverly Sharpe
Matthew Lemmerman

- 25 - Joshua Silver
Jennifer Ruwoldt
- 26 - David Dickman
Darren Meade
- 27 - Dania Rhoads
Jason Clark
Cory Steinbrunner
- 28 - Kristine Vanderhorst
Jacie McGee
Richard Larson
- 29 - Reece Wheeler
- 30 - Susan Braun
Patty Striff
- 31 - Alfred Scheer



***May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer
~Irish Prayer***



ANNIVERSARIES MARCH

- 13 - Richard & Cathy Hirschfeld
- 15 - Rhonda & David Hainer
Amanda McDonald & Donna
McChesney
- 21 - Donald & Karen Raymond
- 23 - Ted & Nicole Dicke
- 27 - Ronald & Linda Burris
Steven & Joy Sibold
- 28 - Gregg & Kathy Dieringer
- 29 - Ted & Pam Fox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15 am Church School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship	 4	5 6:15 pm Bingo at Vancrest 6 9:00 am Quilters 7 pm Lenten Vespers	6 11:30am Ladies Luncheon 6 pm Personnel	7	8	9
10 9:15 am Church School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship	11	12 6:00 pm Consistory	13 9:00 am Quilters 7 pm Lenten Vespers	14 	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 9:15 am Church School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship	18 1:00 pm Rebecca	19	20 9:00 am Quilters 7 pm Lenten Vespers	21 1:30 pm H.E.A.L	22	23 
24 Palm Sunday 9:15 am Church School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Children Sing	25 	26	27 9:00 am Quilters	28 7 pm Maundy Thursday	29 7 pm Good Friday	30
31 Easter!! 9:15 am Church School 9:15 am Adult Forum 7:00 am Sunrise 10:30 am Easter Worship						

Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
 Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
 Ann Vogel, Organist
 Andrea Spencer, Organist
 Maddy Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
 Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodians
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and
 Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

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