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 Acolytes .....Confirmands  
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God March 13 = Current - \$11,283.02 / Mission - \$319.00 \*\* Attendance – 89*

**Irish Blessing:** May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smile of the people you love. Altar flowers are in memory of loved ones from Ron and Margaret Hunter

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Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



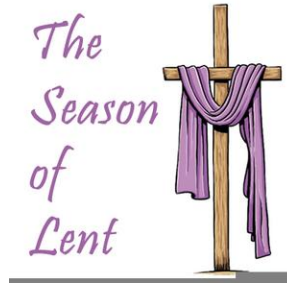
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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

March 20, 2022

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."





**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 between 8a and noon**. Thank you.

**ATTENTION PARENTS/CAMPERS**

Please inform Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel if you are going to church camp by May 1st, so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please email us, or text/call us. Email: [jnjl2021@gmail.com](mailto:jnjl2021@gmail.com) or cell numbers: Joni Leffel 419-305-5610, Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you email, 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.

**REMINDER!**

**We have a Mid-Week Lenten Service on  
Wednesday evenings at 7p through Lent.**

**DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER!**

We are asking the congregation to help decorate the altar for Easter!! Donations of spring flowers for the altar need to be in Elevette Room by **NOON** on Saturday, April 16th.

**Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13.1-9**

**Word Search Puzzle**

P	J	V	I	N	E	Y	A	R	D	P
A	G	E	T	O	W	E	R	O	P	E
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V	S	I	N	N	E	R	S	S	R	E
S	I	L	O	A	M	A	N	U	R	E
Galileans				Pilate			sacrifices			
sinners				repent			perish			
tower				Siloam			offenders			
Jerusalem				parable			fig			
tree				vineyard			fruit			
gardener				dig			manure			



**Sunday School children will be singing  
during the 10:30am church service on  
April 10 (Palm Sunday).**

**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!

- PRAYER REQUESTS**

  - Please keep the following people in your prayers: Norma Lhamon, Vern Luedeke, and Harold McCune, Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
  - Please keep the family of Michael A. Selby in your prayers. Michael passed away on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com) or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
- 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 or call the church office 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, and brown sugar*

Thank you for 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](http://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
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs.	4:30 - 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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



# Isaiah 55:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

## An Invitation to Abundant Life

**55** Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

# Luke 13:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

## Repent or Perish

**13** At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

## The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup> He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"