

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

**March 6, 2022                      First Sunday in Lent                      10:30a.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.*

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**  
**WELCOME**  
**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come into the wilderness. Come to this place away from the world.  
**People: We come to find ourselves ever more in the presence of God.**  
Leader: Come, as Jesus did, and rest a while.  
**People: When we rest, we find ourselves refreshed and renewed.**  
Leader: Come, knowing that wilderness is not a place to be feared, but a place to be enjoyed.  
**People: We come to find ourselves in this place.**  
Leader: Come into this sacred place, and let us worship God.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, today we begin our Lenten adventure, a time of anticipation and wonder, yet always overshadowed by the reality of the cross. We come to this season hoping that we might hear again in the stories of scripture truths about your love for your people, and find ourselves renewed in faith. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #128                      "Spirit, Working in Creation"**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements                      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family                      Birthdays  
Introduction of Guests                      Committee Presentation  
*Reminder that Offering Plates are located at the front and back of the sanctuary, as well as in each balcony*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Rachel Thornsberry

**WE OPEN UP TO GOD**

**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.**

**HYMN #506                      "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD    \*DOXOLOGY    PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**                      Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
**THE GOSPEL**                      Luke 4:1-13

**SERMON**                      "God Is With Us in the Desert" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**                      "In Remembrance of Me" Video

**BENEDICTION**

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

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



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 Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director  
 Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant  
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators  
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist  
 Andrea Spencer, Organist  
 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
 Vacant, Custodian  
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Liturgist .....Brad Speckman  
 Acolytes .....Confirmants  
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God February 27, 2022 = Current - \$1610.00 / Mission - \$95.00 \*\* Attendance – 95*

*The loose offering today is designated for the organ fund. NEXT Sunday, the loose offering is designated for the St. Marys After Prom*

*NEXT Sunday, is our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.  
 This is part of the 5 for 5 giving in the UCC*

Altar flowers today are in celebration of Leroy Kogge's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, from his daughters

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

**Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.**

## Open House For Leroy Kogge's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Express your congratulations to Leroy Kogge at an Open House in honor of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! **TODAY, from 1p-4p** in the church's Heritage Hall.



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

March 6, 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: [jnj12021@gmail.com](mailto:jnj12021@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.

**Back Bay Mission** is asking for help in collecting items for the Micah Center. The Micah Center provides homeless and low-income individuals and families with a safe and hospitable place to stay and receive services during the day. They can take showers, have laundry done, and have mail, phone, and computer services.

**Items needed are:**

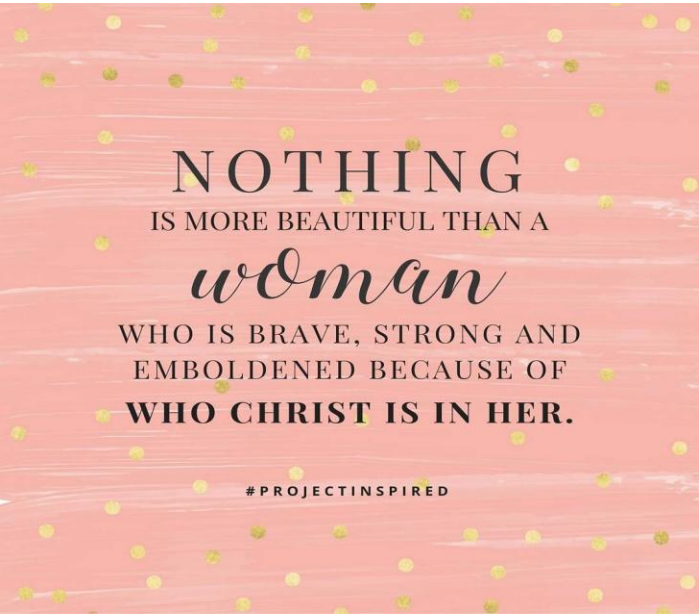
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (small/travel-worthy)
- Razors (single as opposed to one handle and multiple blade refills)
- Ladies’ underwear (sizes 5-12)
- Men’s underwear (any/all sizes)
- Bug spray
- Men’s pants (sizes 30-36) hard wearing and durable
- Ladies’ hygiene products
- Bleach
- Disposable gloves
- Trash bags (white/black)
- Bathroom/surface cleaning spray

These items will be collected until **March 13** at which time they will be delivered by our church members who will be volunteering.

The Grand Lake Symphony Orchestra will be performing at **3 pm today** at the St. John’s Lutheran Church (the purple door church) in Celina, Ohio. Come out and enjoy the performance.

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

**IN HONOR OF UCC WOMEN’S WEEK ...**



**The Temptation of Jesus**

I E R E B E T Z G M L I H J T T L  
X X Z J T U E Y F E N Y Q E B X H  
P Z E C Y J F M E L D X P S Z M U  
X W N D D O A G L A K I P U J A N  
G S P Q E R J X J S J E S S X W G  
H S T C V D X Y X U K U I A G M R  
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C E L L L N G J Z E B B B B S L D  
A G B R N H S J C J U E J N H S L  
L N M E M Z S F B P H C U Z P B E  
P A K I N G D O M S I S A E S C Z  
H B H K M O A G B G K H N T I Q G  
G M H Q H T N R Y Z O O S T R V W  
I E D U J L E O I H T D U R R M I  
H Q T Z R A L K U S P N I R O Z R  
W N W U D P W K D G A T Y K Q W W  
T T E M P T E D H E V Y B J P E L

jerusalem	angels	God	worship
kingdoms	high place	bread	stone
hungry	devil	tempted	Jesus
Jordan			

**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: Wilma Heil, Norma Lhamon, Bill Nuss, Vern Luedeke, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, Michael J. Selby, 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](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
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
	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

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?**  
**But don't want to commit to choir every week!**

It would be nice to have a large choir for Easter morning, so the plan is to rehearse in the Music Room at 9:30 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter) and sing for the Easter service. No commitment after that (Unless you want to.) No experience necessary, only a desire to make a joyful noise. Please let Jim know if you are willing to participate.