

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

**May 15, 2022** **Fifth Sunday of Easter** **10:30a.m.**

## Order of Service \* Graduate/Scholarship Sunday

*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**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING**      “This Little Light of Mine”      Listener Kids

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: That there may be more love on earth, God, persuade all those who follow your Son to show sympathy and affection, to be more understanding to one another, and to share more readily with those in need, so we pray:

**People:** Lord, let your light shine in us.

Leader: That there may be greater justice on earth, God, persuade governments and public officials to make room in their priorities and budgets for the socially deprived and those out of jobs, we pray:

**People:** Lord, let your light shine in us.

Leader: That there may be more peace on earth, God, persuade all nations to put an end to wars of domination and hatred and threats of revenge, we pray:

**People:** Lord, let your light shine in us.

Leader: That there may be more joy on earth, God, we pray that your light may shine on all the earth. Let your light shine in us and may our words and actions reflect the light of your love, this is our prayer, in the name of Jesus,

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions. Chase away the darkness of sin, the darkness of fear and doubt and despair. Produce in us the fruit of**

**righteousness – the evidence that Your Holy Spirit lives in us and works in us and works through us. May others be drawn to You through us. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements                      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION** Joni Leffel

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROMOTION** Amy Keller

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING**      “Monumental Love”      Chris Sligh

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**      Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**(Please offer God's peace to those nearby. It can be a handshake, fist bump, a wave, or whatever you are comfortable with.)**

*(Welcome to those of you who are new among us today. Please fill in the blue Welcome card and Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)*

**GRADUATE-SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION** Becky Anderson, Chairperson

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** Rev. Rhonda Hainer

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

## PRAYER FOR ALL GRADUATES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 #11** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD   \*DOXOLOGY   PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
*"Jesus Loves Me"* David Paxton

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**     John 13:31-35

SERMON

“Choosing Love”

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

HYMN #427

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

“You Are My All in All”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

“Forever I Will Sing!”

Lani Smith

\*Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spirit

.....Depart 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	Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist	

Liturgist .....Becky Anderson  
Acolytes .....Deacons  
Children’s offering.....Arianna Ickes and Maya McDonald  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God May 8, 2022 = Current - \$2520.69 / Mission - \$200.00 / Attendance –79*  
*January loose offering to Crossroads = \$46.00*  
*February loose offering to Back Bay Mission = \$63.00*  
*March loose offering to St. Marys After Prom = \$70.00*  
*Lenten loose offering to Ukrainian Emergency Fund = \$1,033.00*  
*April loose offering to current = \$57.00*  
*May loose offering to Hirschfeld Foundation = \$107.69 plus \$92.31 from Evangelism =\$200*

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

## TAKE NOTE:

***Pastor Rhonda will be taking three days off this week for a mini vacation (May 17-19<sup>th</sup>). If pastoral help is needed, Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will be available.***

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## 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. 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. The HEAL group meets on the **third Thursday** of each month in the church's old library (next to the Sanctuary) **at our new time, 1:30 p.m.** This group is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward.

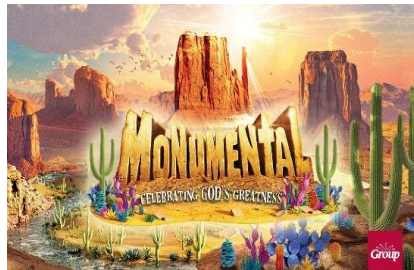
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## **S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund**

Many have asked if there is a way in addition to our prayers that we may provide aid to those who are suffering in Ukraine. The answer to that question is "yes"! The Heartland Conference [S.A.R.A. partnership](#) will serve as a conduit for aid to partners in Ukraine who are suffering as a result of the war. Daily, our partners are bringing food and water relief to displaced Ukrainians in Transcarpathia. Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time. Those wishing to make a donation can send it to the following address:

Heartland Conference UCC/S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund  
PO Box 1230  
Worthington, OH 43085

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Vacation Bible School is three evenings this year and will be held on May 31, June 1 and June 2 from 6p-7:30 pm.

## Open Membership Sunday is TODAY

Open Membership Sunday is May 15. This special Sunday gives people another way to join the church on Open Membership Sunday by coming forward after the worship service has concluded, as others are leaving the sanctuary. There is no need to call in advance if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Simply come forward after the worship service has concluded on Sunday, May 15. Pastor Rhonda will remain at the front of the sanctuary to welcome you on behalf of the church family. If you have any questions, please call or email Pastor Rhonda at 563-210-3508 or rhainer@bright.net

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## **COMMENCEMENT DAY WORD SEARCH**

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## **WORDS**

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CAMPUS  
CANDIDATE  
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GUESTS  
HONORS  
MORTARBOARD  
PERFORMANCE  
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PROFESSOR  
RESIDENCY  
SCHOOL  
SENIOR  
STAGE  
TASSEL  
TEACHER  
UNIVERSITY  
WALKING

**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: Ann Hudson, Vern Luedeke, Joan Smith, and Gloria Morrison (sister of Joan Smith and Sharon Sullivan). 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 (on the bulletin board by the sound board) 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, last day until Rally Day Sept. 11
	9:15 am	Adult Forum, last day until Rally Day Sept. 11
	9:30 am	Graduate Breakfast
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/Scholarship-Grad Sunday Children Sing
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Thurs.	1:30 pm	HEAL Group (please note the new time)
	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer



Would you like to help with our shut-ins and those in the nursing home? We are searching for additional volunteers, **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**, to help with either personal visits, calling or just sending a card. Currently, our volunteers have an assignment of approximately once a month. We would like to get more volunteers to extend that duty to possibly every-other-month. If you are interested, please call the church office at 419-3940-3811 option 3.

John 13:31-35 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

**The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that

you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Open Membership is Today following worship. If you have been visiting St. Paul's UCC and would like to place your membership with us, you are invited to meet with Pastor Rhonda immediately after the service at the front of the Sanctuary.
- This Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, is the newsletter deadline. Please have your articles to church office by 9 a.m.
- Reminder that the HEAL Group time has changed to 1:30 pm