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 AcolytesConfirmands
 Children's offering.....Mya McDonald and Dylan Winget
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God October 3, 2021
Current - \$4049.50 and Mission - \$240.00
Attendance – 88

Altar flowers this morning are from Bernie Schroer and family in celebration of Marilyn Schroer's birthday on October 11.

Additional altar flowers are from Jane Nuss and family in celebration of Bill Nuss turning 70 today!

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
 Philippians 4:7(NRSV)



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 October 10, 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

October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.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.

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

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 37:1-9**

Group 1: Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.

Group 2: *Let's live God's way!*

Group 2: Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you your heart's desires.

Group 1: *Let's live God's way!*

Group 1: Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust God, and God will help you. God will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

Group 2: *Let's live God's way!*

Group 2: Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for God to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Group 1: *Let's live God's way!*

Group 1: Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper— it only leads to harm. For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.

Group 2: *Let's live God's way!*

All: Trust in the Lord and do good. Amen.

***HYMN 20** “Like a Mighty River Flowing”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements	Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests	Anniversaries

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Thornsberry

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS *(Parents and students come forward)*

Congregation to children:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We want to learn together in faith and knowledge and grow in our love for God's Word.

HYMN 664

“Thy Word”

(Parents return to their seats)

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader and children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

(Those of you who are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card that you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:37-47

SERMON

“Intentional Faith Development”

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN 66**

“To God Be the Glory”

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE

***Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve**

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!



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Grace Young, Vern Luedeke, Bill Wurster, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, John Long, and Harold McCune. 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.
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- 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.
 - **We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.

New Church Directory! *It's time to update our church family album, and we want you to be a part of it. Photo sessions will be scheduled beginning **October 18th through October 21st**. Please see the flyer included in your Communicator or pick up a copy in the Elevette Room.*

BREAK BAGS FOR AGAPE (see enclosed list of items needed)
The Christian Education and Nurture committee is partnering with Agape to collect food for the December Break Bags. Agape has provided us with the list of food they will need to fill the December Break Bags. Copies of the list of needed items can be found in the **Elevette Room**. The church will not be handing out the break bags this year, only helping to provide the food for them. This will be the mission project for Sunday School for October and November. We are asking church members to help us collect this food. Collection boxes will be placed in the sanctuary, marked Break

Bag Food collection. Food collected will be taken to Agape for Agape to fill and distribute the Break Bags. Thank you for your help!

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

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	5:00 pm	Pastoral Relations – old library
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread – Drive Thru only
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
		Children Sing

TAKE NOTE: (1) *Pastoral Relations to meet Wednesday at 5p in the old Library.* (2) *When returning Quiet Bags, please place them in the basket on the floor and NOT on the “trees”. Thank you.*

AGAPE WARM WINTER COAT DRIVE

NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS AND NEW WINTER WATER PROOF GLOVES.

Coat Drive Dates: September 19 – October 30th

Drop off Coats to the Agape Client Services Building from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If dropping off at AGAPE THRIFT STORE, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive. St. Paul's will have a barrel set up in the **Elevette**

Room for drop off of coats and gloves as well.

The Next Meeting for Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

October 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge.

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, and is open for anyone who is in the midst of transition from the death of a loved one, or declining health, as well as those seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward. If you or someone you know could benefit from this confidential gathering, please know that all are welcome. Contact Pastor Rhonda with questions.



The Family Room Event

Fall Harvest Festival
Sunday, October 31st
at the home of Bill and Jane Nuss
13458 Howell Road
Great food ~ Wagon Rides
Games ~ Kids craft project
Fun for ALL ages – Join us!

*(if inclement weather – event will
be held in Fellowship Hall from 2pm-6pm)*



Pentecost

Acts 2



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DAYS	FEAST										HOLY								
SPIRIT	PETER										JERUSALEM								
TONGUES	FIRE										CHURCH								

Acts 2:37-47

New Revised Standard Version

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers,^[a] what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[b] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[c] and ate their food with glad and generous^[d] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.