

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

October 9, 2022 **Eighteenth 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME *(If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and sing the praise of our wondrous God.

People: **Awesome and marvelous are God's works!**

Leader: Come and celebrate God who refreshes us and brings us new life.

People: **Awesome and marvelous are God's works!**

Leader: Be joyful, and celebrate the goodness of God here and everywhere.

People: **Awesome and marvelous are God's works!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN #20** "Like a Mighty River Flowing"

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of mystery and wonder, you are with us in times of glory and uncertainty, times of healing, and times of doubt. As we worship you this day, help us to remember that you are with us in all of the twists and turns of our lives, the unexpected and the routine. Lead us to praise you and give you thanks in all times and places. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, healer and friend. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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

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.

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

People: And also with you.

(People offer God's peace to those nearby with whatever you are comfortable with)

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #43 "Majesty"

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“The Abundant Life”

Garrett Parker

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE PSALM READING Psalm 119:97-112

THE GOSPEL READING 1 John 5:1-5

SERMON "Your Word Is A Light to My Life"

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

***HYMN #66** “To God Be the Glory”

***BENEDICTION**

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE

"Majestic Postlude"

Mark Williams

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

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor
Vacant, Director of Music
Ann Vogel, Organist
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
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistMarsha Landers
AcolytesMiddle School Youth
Children's offering.....Ava and Austin Winget
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, October 2, 2022
Current - \$4355.41 / Mission - \$155.00
Neighbors In Need: \$256.00
Attendance – 125

The loose offering today is designated to Disaster Kits

Take note: Sundays October 23rd and 30th, the loose offerings will be designated to the 100th Anniversary of Back Bay Mission

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



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



S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

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. 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



AGAPE has asked St. Paul's to start collecting toilet paper again! Drop off your donations in the Elevette Room! Thank you everyone for your support!

~Jane Nuss

Name: _____ Date: _____

Psalm 119

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

blessed	cleanse	commandments	counsellors	delight
everlasting	faithful	for ever	generations	heart
honey	judgments	knowledge	lamp	law
light	meditate	mercy	ordinances	path
peace	precepts	pure	quicken	seek
settled	seven	statutes	sweet	teach
testimonies	truth	understanding	ways	word

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 "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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, Danny Kellermeyer, and Vern Luedeke. 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, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
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- 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 soundboard) or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these 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.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF: If you would like to make a donation to the Hurricane Ian Relief fund, you can send your donation to the UCC Corporate office at:
United Church of Christ – Hurricane Ian Relief Fund

**1300 E. 9th Street, Suite 1100
Cleveland, Ohio 44114**

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** restroom 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. This is now shown LIVE on Sundays and shown a day later on Mondays.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.
- ✚ **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
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer 3 rd grade Bibles distributed during worship
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	12-5:00 pm	Walk with Nature – Downtown
	1-3:00 pm	Trunk or Treat at American Mfg.
	7:00 pm	Healing Service

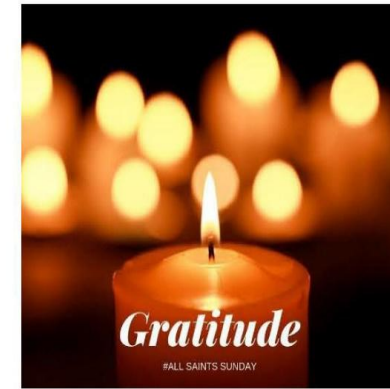
Quiet Bags have new fun pages in them for all ages. Hidden pictures, stories to read, some coloring pages. Check them out!



We all face difficulties in life; no one escapes times of hardship or suffering. The good news is that we never have to endure such times alone!

St. Paul's UCC will begin offering a once-a-month Service of Healing Prayer on Sunday evening, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church sanctuary. The service will be co-led by Pastor Rhonda and Pastor Jeanette and will include scripture reading, hymns and an opportunity to come forward for prayer and/or anointing with oil. A service of healing is not necessarily a service of *curing*. Instead, it opens the door to the greatest healing that can happen: reconciliation with God. Through this reconciliation, not only is spiritual health enhanced, participants may receive the healing of the physical body and the restoration of mental and emotional balance. All are welcome.

All Saints Sunday



All Saints Sunday calls us to remember with gratitude the lives that have come before us. Without the saints of the past, we would not know The Story of Jesus and his love today. The saints gave of themselves and their resources to ensure that The Story reached new believers then and now.

All Saints Sunday honors the lives of the past and invites us to invest in the future. Today is the perfect time to think of your own legacy as a saint of the church. What will you leave behind of yourself for future generations of believers? What part of The Story will be included in your story? Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness matter today and tomorrow. One simple, concrete expression of your faith is to remember your church in your will.

All Saints Bell Banner

This year, we invite everyone to remember a loved one by placing a bell on the new All Saints Banner of Bells. You can hang as many bells as you would like to represent persons whose legacy and life continues to be carried within our own. The All Saints Bell Banner will be available for you to hang bells on the three Sundays preceding Oct. 16, 23, and 30.

End-Of-Life Issues 4 Sessions.

1. Session One, Oct. 23 - Zach Ferrall, Attorney, will discuss Wills, Trusts and Getting your financial affairs in order before you transition out of your bodily life. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Heritage Hall.
2. Session Two, Nov. 13 - Kent Miller, Funeral Director
3. Session Three, Dec. 11 - Jeff Dieringer, Financial Advisor
4. Session Four, Jan. 22, 2023, Pastor Rhonda, Planning your Funeral or Memorial Service.

Psalm 119:97-112

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⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

1 John 5:1-5

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Faith Conquers the World

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?