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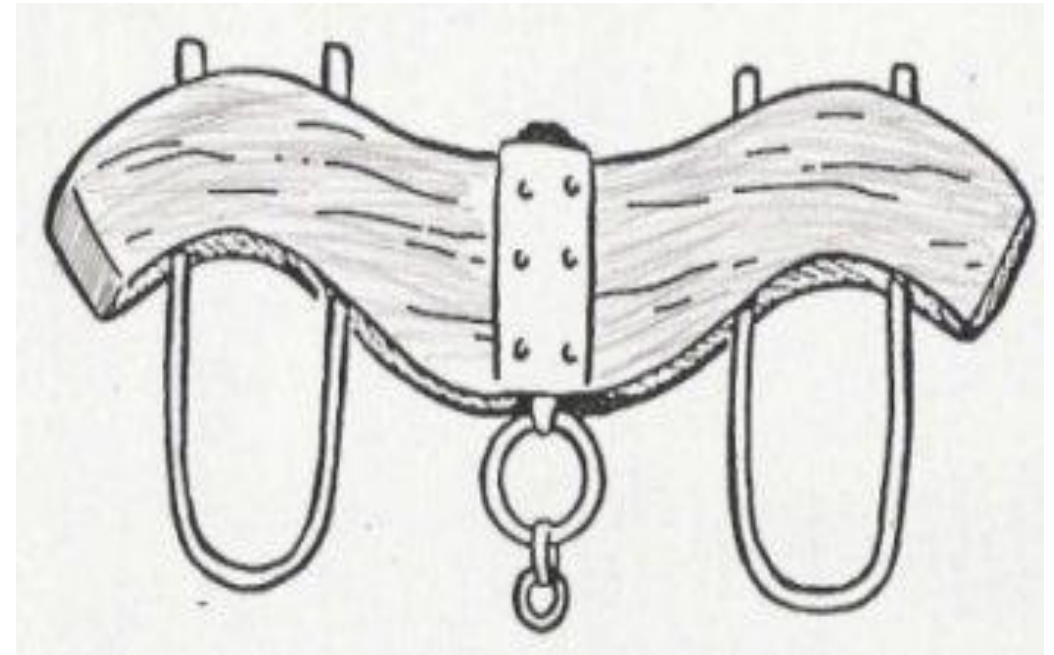
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 AcolytesConfirmants
 Children's offering.....Beckett Clark and Harrison Silber
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God September 12, 2021
Current - \$1922.00 and Mission - \$325.00
Attendance – 87

*Altar flowers this morning are from Becky Anderson
 in memory of her mother's birthday, Fae Steinecker*

***Pastor Rhonda will be out of the office this week
 attending the Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation
 sponsored by the Upper Room. Pastor Jeanette
 Tangeman will be available for any pastoral emergencies
 and will be our guest preacher next Sunday.***



MATTHEW 11:29
“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me”

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 September 19, 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

September 19, 2021 Seventeenth 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**

Leader: Through sun and shadow,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through torrent and thunder,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through fog and flurries,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through breeze and bluster,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through cloudless and clear,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through rain and rainbow,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Through all that life brings,
People: God’s love will remain.
Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN 9** “Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you cradle each of us with remarkable hope. You wrap each of us in a deep, mysterious love. You wipe each tear away with infinite gentleness. You celebrate each of us for the one-of-a-kind beauty we each possess. May we now celebrate these blessings with open spirits and grateful hearts. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY
Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

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.

***HYMN 473** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “He is Lord” arr. James Curnow Jim Huckemeyer

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION Welcome Greg and Mary Schumm

CONGREGATION RESPONSE: “We welcome you with joy in the common life of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ . We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior?”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 53
Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON “Trading Yokes” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN 348** “Softly and Tenderly”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**
*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit Depart 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: Janet Keller, John Hall, 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.
- 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 with this Communicator and watch for more information to come.*

TAKE NOTE: When returning Quiet Bags, please place them in the basket on the floor and NOT on the "trees". Thank you.

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
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-6:00 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. Jeanette Tangeman

Janet Gibson and Becky Rasawehr are selling Fall Harvest Meal tickets before and after worship today in the Elevette. Stop and get your tickets!



AGAPE BAR SOAP CHALLENGE!

Thank you to everyone that has been contributing to the bar soap challenge. We have two more weeks to go! As of September 12th our challenge totals are: 135 Sunday School and 184 church members.

****There is a box at the rear (near Rich) of the sanctuary to collect the soap****

FALL HARVEST MEAL

WANTED homemade bake goods for the October 6th Bake Sale which will be held in Heritage Hall from 1:00 to 6:00p. The Fall Cafeteria will be held on October 6th. The time of serving will be from 4:30 to 6:00p. We will be serving scalloped chicken, swiss steak, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, and desserts. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Children will be able to get a hot dog, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, and desserts. You can eat in or carry out your meals. So, come enjoy fellowship. Proceeds from this annual all-church event (and the Bake Sale) support Women’s Guild activities throughout the year. We hope you will support this meal as you have done in the past. **Tickets are on sale now in the church office.**

AGAPE MISSION: Our **goal again this year is 2000.** Let’s get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are **1610** rolls of toilet paper and 803 bars of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.

AGAPE WARM WINTER COAT DRIVE - NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS & 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 at the rear/center of the sanctuary for drop off of coats and gloves as well.

Parable of the Sower

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seed	scorched	scattering	rocky
understanding	trouble	thorns	sower
shallow	persecution	path	parable
matthew	kingdom	joy	fruitfulness
farmer	decietfulness	crop	bird

Psalm 53

Denunciation of Godlessness

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts;
there is no one who does good.

² God looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

³ They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon God?

⁵ There they shall be in great terror,
in terror such as has not been.

For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly;^[a]
they will be put to shame,^[b] for God has rejected them.

⁶ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.