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Our Giving to God September 19, 2021
Current - \$2781.00 and Mission - \$125.00
Attendance – 98



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 September 26, 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 26, 2021 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Psalm XX" Gordon Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your spirit to fill our very being.

People: As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshipping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere

Leader: Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another; help us to recognize and to respect different ways rather than judge.

People: In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we now must walk in the world, we now must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.

Leader: Come, people of God, rejoice!

People: Come, let us worship together

***HYMN 571** "Christ You Call Us All to Service"

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, you are the author and source of our lives. You spread before us many pathways in this world of wilderness, and we are free to choose our own path. In our process of choosing, Great Spirit, lend us guidance. In our moments of despair, encourage us and broaden our perspective. In our moments of failure, empower us with strength to try again.

In our moments of victory, teach us humility. Send us your loving spirit, that we may be agents of care and concern. Open our ears that we may hear each other. Warm our hearts that we may care for one another and enlighten our minds that we may be about the tasks you set before us. 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 347** "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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

Rachel Thornsberry

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Humbly I Adore Thee"

Robert Lau

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 3:1-12; 4:10-13
James 2:14-18

SERMON

"Is That You God?"

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

***HYMN 559**

"Here I Am Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Hornpipe"

Early English

***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. Jeanette Tangeman
Tues.	6:00 pm	Long Range Planning (old Library)
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. Rhonda Hainer

***Fall Harvest Meal tickets are on sale
before and after worship today in the Elevette Room.
Stop and get your tickets!***

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 in the **Elevette Room** for drop off of coats and gloves as well.

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. There is a copy of the list enclosed with this newsletter. 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!

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Book of James

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| respect | brotherly | love | mercy |
| judgment | temptation | faith | patience |
| prayer | humility | Believer | pride |
| wisdom | | | |

Moses at the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-12; 4:10-13

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” ¹³ But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.”

James 2:14-18

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters,^[e] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17** So faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.