

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 201 N. PERRY ST., ST. MARYS, OH 45885
 (419) 394-3811 (Church Office) (419) 394-8733 (Church Fax)
 email: smucc@bright.net website: www.stpaulsuccsm.com
 email for Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer: rhainer@bright.net and cell phone number: (563) 210-3508
 email for prayer team requests to Carol Schmidt: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com
 email for Christian Education jnj12021@gmail.com
 email for HS Youth Group: franken.nick@gmail.com - email for media: spmedia@bright.net

Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor
 Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music
 Ann Vogel, Organist
 Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director
 Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
 Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
 Andrea Spencer, Organist
 Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent
 Bob Schumacher, Custodian
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

LiturgistAmy Keller
 AcolytesConfirmands
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God August 29, 2021
Current - \$2733.00 and Mission - \$120.00
Attendance -92

Altar flowers today are from Mary McDonald in memory of Tom McDonald

ALTAR COMMUNION CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER

Because of the Labor Day weekend, altar communion will be offered after worship on September 12th (the second Sunday in September, rather than today).



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 September 5, 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 5, 2021 Fifteenth 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 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” arr. Joel Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I am the circling hawk dancing with joy for life.
People: God, you invite us to join in the dance!
Leader: I am the faithful soil nourishing each life I touch.
People: You invite us to join in the caring.
Leader: I am the swift stream singing my thanks for life.
People: You invite us to join in the song.
Leader: I am the blazing star bringing wonder to life.
People: You invite us to join in the wonder.
Leader: I am the voice of Creation praising the God who shapes life:
People: You invite us to join in the praise.

***HYMN 689** “One Bread, One Body”

UNISON OPENING PRAYER
Generous God, creation is your song of love. May we stop to listen and open our hearts to the melody so that we might join in the singing. Amen.

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

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 397** “The Gift of Love”

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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 “The Heart of Worship (When the Music Fades)” arr. Alex-Zsolt

SPECIAL MUSIC “Prelude in C Major” by JS Bach Reece Long

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25: 1-13

SERMON Rev. C. David Hainer

***HYMN 680** “Borning Cry”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Jack Schrader
***Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit Depart to serve**

NEIGHBORS IN NEED
SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY
Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

***WELCOME!** If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor Welcome Back. Please let our sanctuary doorway greeters know you are visiting and receive a special gift of welcome.*

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.

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. C. David Hainer
Mon.	CLOSED	Labor Day – Church Closed
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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 1494 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.

ALTAR COMMUNION CHANGE

Because of the Labor Day weekend, altar communion will be offered after worship on September 12th (the second Sunday in September, rather than today).



Scrubbing bubbles? Isn't there a song about scrubbing bubbles? No, not the one about scrubbing bubbles we work hard so you don't have to, but something about bubbles and soap? Soap and water just go hand in hand. There are some people in our town that struggle to have soap. Hard to imagine, I am sure. But we can help! The Sunday School Department is CHALLENGING the church members **from August 29th to September 26th** to see who can bring in the most bar soap for Agape. We will give bar soap tallies to let you know who is ahead and who needs to kick it in gear. No matter who wins, we all will have completed a great mission project that included all ages of the church.

*****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.***

Name: _____

Date: _____

Faith

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

Cross	Service	Forever	Family
Hope	Jesus	Christ	Charity
Intention	Equality	Unity	Brotherhood
Honest	Submission	Beautiful	Devotion
Love	Truthful	Trust	Peace
Discipline	Faith		

Matthew 25

New Revised Standard Version

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went

with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids^[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.^[e]