

May 17, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Peace and grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ who sends his Holy Spirit into our lives.

This coming Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost—the celebration of the Holy Spirit. You are invited to wear red clothing in worship—the liturgical color for Pentecost—as we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church.

We have good news to share concerning worship. Following the new CDC guidelines, you no longer need to wear a mask during worship. We do ask, however, that you maintain social distancing. We are aware that some of you will want to continue wearing a mask in worship. We affirm both the masked and unmasked folk as we gather to worship God through the Risen Christ.

Even with Covid19 restrictions being lifted, we will continue to livestream worship and send the weekly worship mailing.

During last week's Church Council meeting, we voted to work with a local construction company to replace the steeple roof. Council agreed on a metal roof for the steeple and the cost is estimated to be between \$52,000-\$60,000. While this is **NOT** our Project of the Year, we will begin raising funds.

Pastor Becky's email is back online. You can reach her at: berbstrang@stpaulnb.org.

On Sunday, June 6, we will dedicate the St. Paul Playground during worship with a reception in the playground following worship.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

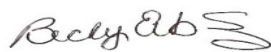
Grace and Peace,



Roland Dicke
Council President



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Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of May 17, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,400.72 (weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$11,455.00(ytd)
Income \$126,164.97 (ytd)
Expenses \$121,791.13 (ytd)
Balance \$4,373.84(ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$7,027.00(ytd)
Endowment Income \$2,477.46(ytd)
Expenses \$4,887.98 (ytd)
Balance \$78,260.85 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$6,569.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$6,467.02 (ytd)
Balance \$6,352.18

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$12,401.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$3,383.59(ytd)

BP Balance \$16,898.56

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$431.00(weekly)
Income \$10,998.00 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$24.00(weekly)
Balance \$3,110.00(ytd)

MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Spirit of God sustains all of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Tuesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Wednesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The valley of dry bones
Thursday	Joel 2:21-27	The Lord will bless the land
Friday	Ephesians 4:7-13	Equipping the saints
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. Psalm 104:30-31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, lead us to be the body of Christ in the world and guide us into the truth that Jesus brings for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creator God, we thank you for this food as you give all living things their food in due season, you open your hand and fill us with good things. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to live in faith, hope, and love.



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MAY 23, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I'm Goin' A Sing When the Spirit Says Sing



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something in creation that gives you joy?
- What is something that concerns you about the frailty of creation?
- In Psalm 104:31, God rejoices in the work of creation. How does that motivate you to care for what God has created?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b.

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit that enlivens the church to continue what the disciples learned and received through Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ alive and real today as Savior, not just as a historical figure to recall from the past. Jesus' forgiving and renewing work is extended to the church of all times through the Spirit. What is worth remembering is that the Spirit is celebrated in Psalm 104 as the source of life for all of creation. Without God's Spirit there is no breath and creatures "die and return to their dust" (v. 29). We live in an age when the earth is being harmed by pollution of many kinds that endangers future generations, human and nonhuman alike. It is important to see the link between God's work of creating life through the Spirit and redeeming all life through Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for life created, life redeemed, and life sustained through this one God in three persons. How does Pentecost lead you to care for and celebrate all that God has made?

Pray: **Dear God, you who love all that you create, give us that love through your Holy Spirit to care for the earth and tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many languages and different cultures. Jesus' promise to the disciples was fulfilled on this day. It enabled them to speak in other languages and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. How can you spread the good news to those who speak other languages and are from different cultures?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships— often in our own homes. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). Prayer is one way to practice the Christian faith in our homes. The Spirit brings our needs and concerns before God, even when we do not know what or how to pray. Light a candle when you pray this week. Look upon the flame as a symbol of the Holy Spirit that lives in you.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church- Following the CDC guidelines on May 14, 2021, you no longer need to wear a mask during worship. We do ask, however, that you maintain social distancing. We are aware that some of you will want to continue wearing a mask in worship. We affirm both the masked and unmasked folk as we gather to worship God through the Risen Christ.

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cheyenne Olt

Jayden Felver

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist/Vocalist

Liturgist

PRELUDE

GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

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No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.

People: Glory be to God who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

Leader: God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

People: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

Leader: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love and confirms God's gifts, is in us as we gather here.

People: We worship God with expectation and joy!

On Pentecost They Gathered 334

D *A7* *D* *G* *A* *A7* *D* *D* *F#* *G* *Asus* *A7* *D*
F# *E*

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed,
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

D *A7* *D* *Bm* *A* *Em* *F#* *Bm* *D* *F#* *G* *Asus* *A7* *D*
F# *E*

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A *A* *B7* *Em* *Bm* *Em* *Bm* *Bm* *Bm* *E7* *A*
G *F#* *B* *D*

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

A7 *D* *D* *G* *D7* *G* *D* *G* *G* *Asus* *A7* *D*
C# *C* *B* *A* *F#* *B*

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God's Spirit is poured upon us, yet far too often we neglect the call of the Spirit. Let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love. Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the ways of your justice and love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we become dead to sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope in new life and live fully within the Spirit's embrace.

People: Amen!

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

Chord markings: C, Am7, D7, D, G, Em

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Did you know in both the Greek and Hebrew languages the word for Spirit is the same word as wind and as breath? It is true. Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit blowing into our lives, changing us, sending us out to share Jesus' love with others.

Sometimes it is hard to imagine the Holy Spirit. She is the part of the Trinity that is hardest to get our minds around. And yet, the Holy Spirit is how we experience God's power, grace and forgiveness each day.

In the first creation story in Genesis, we read that the wind/Spirit/breath of God blew over the face of the waters. From the very beginning of time, the Holy Spirit has been with us. Every time you take a breath, you are breathing in the Holy Spirit. Every time you hear the wind rustling the leaves in the trees, you can celebrate that the Holy Spirit is near.

This week I challenge you to keep a lookout for the Holy Spirit. Listen for her when you take a walk. Breathe her in. Celebrate that you are never alone: the Holy Spirit is among us. Today. Yesterday. Always. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Joy in the new life we have in the Holy Spirit.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Pam Simon (JTDMH), John Gilberg (Coldwater Hospital), James Nelson, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, your Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation. You made a world that was breath-taking and life-giving. And yet, we confess that brokenness and sin invaded our world and shattered the peace. Pollution, disease, and natural disasters plague our fragile earth.

God, our provider: heal the sick, give peace to the dying, shelter to the homeless, and protect the vulnerable. With your Holy Spirit in our midst, renew our hearts, our communities and your creation.

Creator God, when you formed humanity, you breathed your Spirit into us. You walked with us in the Garden. You wanted fellowship with us. And yet, our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Our neighbors are hungry. Our friends are lonely. Some of us

feel empty. Almighty God, giver of strength, challenge us to feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, uplift the depressed and free the downtrodden.

With your Holy Spirit, point us to new life in Christ Jesus.

Gentle God, you call your church to be a light to the world. Blow your mighty wind/Spirit/breath into us this day that we might reflect the love that you have for each of us. Send us out to be beacons of hope in the midst of darkness, violence and despair.

Whispering God, we humbly ask that you quiet our busy hearts and minds that we might hear your word for us this day. SILENCE

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

(NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one

another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Today is an incredibly important day in the church calendar. It is Pentecost: The day in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit pouring into our lives. It is the day when the dry dust of our own bones is raised to new life and new hope. It is the day when we are **sent out** to spread the good news of the risen Christ.

For centuries, Christians have considered Pentecost to be the birthday of the church. Up until the day of Pentecost, those earliest followers of Jesus had banded together after Jesus' death, resurrection

and ascension to heaven. But they did not know what to do next. Then along came the Holy Spirit whooshing in their hearts and lives, setting them on fire for the good news. Once the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were filled with passion to share the gospel/the good news of Jesus: good news for you, for me, for all of humanity.

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church because at the moment the Holy Spirit touched those believers, they did set out to share the good news, creating communities of believers the world over.

To celebrate Pentecost, many churches, like ours, encourage their people to wear red at Pentecost. Red for the Holy Spirit. Red for the flames of fire that touched not only those earliest believers, but each of us also. Some congregations have balloons in the pews and eat birthday cake. So, today, to celebrate Pentecost, I am going to read you a story by Ann Weems called "Happy Birthday, Church!"

There was once a church that had only party rooms: the Council's Party Room, the Music Party Room, the Feasting Party Room, the Do Justice Party Room, the Love Mercy Party Room, the Touch Lepers Party Room. In the center of the building was a large round room with an altar and a cross: God's Party Room.

There was in the church an air of festivity and brightness that could not be denied. The people outside the church pointed their finger and shook their heads: "Something should be done about that church!" They were especially upset when they saw that the members wore party hats and smiles both inside and outside the church.

Other congregations came to take a look and were shocked when they saw this church having so much fun during a worship service, snapping their fingers and dancing.

"Sacrilegious," screamed the crowd. But the people in the church just smiled at them and went right on doing things like taking people in wheelchairs to the park and playing ball with them.

When everybody else was collecting canned goods for the poor, this church bought pizza and marched right into dingy, dirty, paint-peeling apartments and sat down to eat with the tenants.

They held picnics for the old folks home, and old men ran races while the congregation stamped their feet in applause. It was at one of these

picnics that some of the members climbed up on a roof and shouted, "Good News!"

"Now we can get them for disturbing the peace," said one of the outsiders. The police arrived with sirens, ready for the arrest, and came out two hours later wearing party hats and smiles.

One Sunday afternoon, the entire congregation met at the jail and passed out flowers to the prisoners. The following week after bread and wine and much laughter at the Lord's Table, the people went to the hospital and asked to see the dying patients. They held their hands and mopped their brows and spoke to them of life.

"Disgraceful," shouted the crowd. "They must be stopped." So, the crowd appealed to the governing body of the denomination, and this committee of respectful people went to see for themselves.

"Do you deny the charges of heresy?" asked the committee. "Do you deny that you've mocked the church and the Lord?" The people of the church looked in to the stern red faces and smiled at them. They held out their hands to the committee and led them to the Birthday Cake Room. There on the table sat a large cake decorated beautifully in doves descending and red flames and works that read, "Happy Birthday, Church!" The people began cutting cake and blowing up balloons and handing out party hats to the committee members.

"Wait! Wait!" cried the chairperson. "Can't you take anything seriously?"

"Yes," said the people. "We take our commitment to the Lord very seriously indeed."

"You don't take it seriously at all," interrupted the chairperson in a loud voice and red face. "You have parties and wear silly hats and blow up balloons and sing and dance and have fun. Do you call that commitment?"

The people smiled at the chairperson and asked him if he'd like a glass of wine. The chairperson hit his fist on the table. "I don't want wine, and I don't want birthday cake. We're here to reprimand you. We're here to show you that you are wrong. Can't you be serious?"

"We are," said the people. "We're asking you to take communion with us."

"With birthday cake?" screamed the chairperson. "Outrageous!"

“Outrageous? We ask you to sit at our table and sup with us. God gave the Holy Spirit to the believers, and that is something to celebrate! It is an occasion for a party. We are celebrants of the gift of Life. We are community. We are God’s church. Why are your faces red when we are trying to do justice and love mercy? Why do you shake your fists at us when we are trying to discover the hurting and begin the healing? We are overjoyed that we can be the church, a community of people, who are many, yet one—who are different, but who walk together and welcome any who would walk with us. When we weep there is someone to weep with us and to affirm us and to take us to a party. When we see injustices, we must be about God’s business of freeing the oppressed. When we are faithless, we have God’s promise of forgiveness. Isn’t it remarkable that we can be God’s good news? Is it any wonder we have a church full of party rooms? There is so much love to celebrate!”

The committee stared at the people, and the people moved closer to them and put their arms around them. The committee chairperson stepped up to the table and sliced a piece of birthday cake, took a bite, and laughed out loud. He began slicing and passing it out.

When the wine was poured and the hands were held, the chairperson raised his glass and said, “There is so much Love to celebrate! Happy Birthday Church.”

My dear friends, this is how church can and should be. May our celebrations be so joyful that others cannot help but join us. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: As recipients of the Holy Spirit, we now offer our gifts—our tithes, our offerings, and our lives joyfully to God!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of wind, word and fire, we bless your name this day for sending us the light and strength of the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured into

our lives. Accept us along with our offerings this day as we continue to be Spirit people in this community and beyond. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Here I Am, Lord

WITNESS & MISSION

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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

G Am G D7 G C G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7 G D F# D C G Am G D7 G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

C G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Refrain

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D D7 F#

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

a tempo G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7/G Am G/B C6 D D7/F# D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G G/C G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G G/C G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

BENEDICTION:

May the Holy Spirit fall upon you, encompass you, and support you.
May the Holy Spirit transform you, lead you, and equip you.

May the Holy Spirit give you encouragement, strength and comfort
to serve and worship our loving God both now and forevermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, tempo J=95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and chords. The chords are: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7; F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C; Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C; Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of our Parents and Loved Ones
by Mark and Paula Topp

Attendance-Daily Devotions-88, May 9-Sunday Worship Online-335, In
Person-143, Sunday School Online-88, In Person 24, Teachers-7.

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Sundays in May- Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

May/June Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

Blessing Pantry-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm**. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs- Toothpaste, Hand Soap, Diapers (n & 4), Baby Wipes, Razors, Shaving Cream, Paper Plates, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags and Pet Food (Dry & Wet). Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Volunteers Needed-The Blessing Pantry is looking for volunteers to help during the open hours, especially Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Volunteers do not need to be members of St. Paul. For more information, please contact the church office for Ronda Bowlby's (our volunteer coordinator) contact information. Thank you!

Calendar-Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via Facebook Live
Monday	11:30am 2:00pm-4:00pm	Devotions via Facebook Live Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Co.
Tuesday	11:30am 5:30pm-7:30pm	Devotions via Facebook Live Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	11:30am 1:00pm-3:00pm	Devotions via Facebook Live Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am 1:00pm-3:00pm	Devotions via Facebook Live Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed
Saturday	10:00am-Noon	SALT Retreat

E-Giving @ St. Paul

3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.

Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring or refund to cancel this donation.

May Monthly Mission-The UCC disaster Team is currently supporting long term recovery efforts, such as replacement of burst pipes, restoration of church food pantries and making homes safe again, due to late winter storms that impacted states from Texas to the Carolinas. Filling clean-up buckets and personal care kits are still a very important way of helping in disaster clean-up efforts. The clean-up bucket/supply list has undergone changes. Now, a five-gallon bucket with a resealable lid is used. More supplies are placed in the bucket making the price to fill, a bit more expensive. St Paul can fill the buckets with the funds that we collect or Church World Service will be happy to receive donations to purchase the contents. If sending your donation through St. Paul, please make check out to St. Paul (this way your giving account is credited) and designate bucket supplies. Please consider donating to this cause. Personal care kits are still the same as in the past. Your donations to our May Mission will be appreciated by all who are affected by these disasters. Thank you, the Mission Team

Church World Service-Hygiene Kit

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

Church World Service-Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Supplies needed:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water
- (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

Processing fee: \$3 per Kit



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