Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends, Grace and peace be yours!

Sunday in-person worship services are going well. We will continue to livestream worship and send the weekly worship mailing.

Pastor Becky is in her second week of sabbatical. She will return to the office on Monday July 19. Lauren Miller (SALT Intern) and Abby Bushman (Ministry Assistant), will be assisting Barb in the office.

If you have pastoral care needs during Becky's time off, please contact the church office 419-629-2502.

Pastor Dee's health continues to be compromised. She is continuing her unpaid medical leave of absence.

We are hosting a Summer Safari Carnival: Let's Reconnect on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event will be held in our St. Paul Community Playground and will include a meal, crafts, games and music. The Carnival is free to all participants and we expect 500+ people to attend. We will need lots of volunteers. If you'd like to assist, please contact SALT Intern Lauren Miller or the Church Office.

We also have two Circle of Friends ministry opportunities. First, we are seeking someone to coordinate card sending and phone call folk to reach out to our nursing home and at-home members. Second, we are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Circle of Friends cards that, up until Covid19, were signed each week in the sanctuary. Please contact the Church Office if you are willing to take either or both of these important ministries.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong. July Monthly Missions are the Community Backpack+ program & Washington UCC Back to School Ministry.

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

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Financial Information as of July 6, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00 Giving Income \$3,970.69 (weekly)

Endowment Transfers \$12,786.00(ytd)

Income \$150,779.59(vtd)

Expenses \$158,436.28(ytd) Balance (\$7,656.69) (vtd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37 Income \$39,383.00 (ytd)

Endowment Income \$2,630.39(ytd)

Expenses \$34,820.80 (ytd) Balance \$80,836.96 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20 Income \$9,182.00 (ytd)

Expenses \$9,431.53 (ytd)

Balance \$6,000.67

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$17,056.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$8,479.99(ytd) BP Balance \$16,457.16

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00 Income \$207.00(weekly) Income \$13,732.00 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$75.00(weekly) Balance \$3,3949.00(ytd)



Wednesday July 21 5:00 pm -8:00 pm

St Paul UCC, New Bremen, Ohio

- · Activities- Crafts, Outdoor Games, Carnival Games
- Dinner- Hot dogs, Mac N Cheese, Chips and Yogurt
- Living Music

*Please bring individually wrapped cookies for dessert

All are welcome at no cost!

JULY 11, 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of setting a plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Psalm 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalm 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)



JULY 11, 2021 HYMN OF THE WEEK

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil





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:

- If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an
 example of someone misusing their power.
- Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought of consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where "love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other" (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

Pray: Shepherding God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, "Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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! This is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator. May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.

July 11, 2021 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

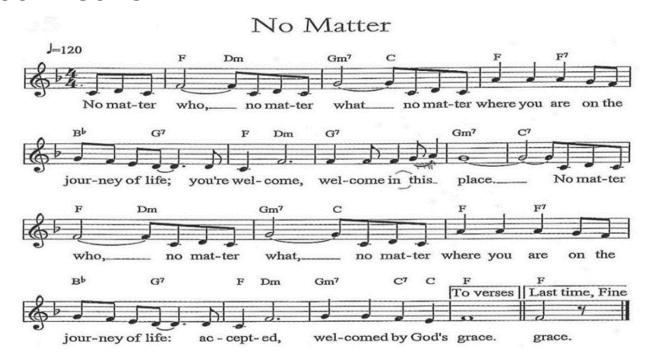
Ministers The Congregation
Bryan Trego Guest Speaker
Lauren Miller SALT
Dick Hudson Organist
Cheyenne Olt Accompanist/Vocalist
Amy Felver Liturgist

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG



CALL TO WORSHIP (Chalice Worship 111)

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

People: with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

People: claiming us,

Leader: summoning us to become more than we now are;

People: calling us by name: God's Children

HYMN OF PRAISE Lead Me, Guide Me

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Lead Me, Guide Me



WORDS: Doris Akers (1922-1995), alt. MUSIC: Doris Akers (1922-1995); arr. Richard Smallwood (1948-) LEAD ME Irregular



INVOCATION (unison)

Creator of the universe, we gather as a portion of your world centered in Christ. As your community of faith, strengthen us this hour, not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewal of our minds. Equip us to express the kind of world you intended when you spoke it into existence. Join us together with all your people to do your good and perfect will. Grant that your great day may come when all creation fully pleases you. Amen.

HALLELUJAH!



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

How many of you have ever used an envelope? Have you ever written or sent a letter or package to a friend through the mail, and you needed an envelope? It's fun to write letters and even more fun to get them, isn't it?

The Post Office won't take the letter without the envelope. The envelope is important because whatever you put inside is kept together. If I just sent the letter without an envelope, there would be no address, the pages would come apart, or the stamp would cover part of what was said. I couldn't send a check or money without putting it in an envelope because no one would know who it was for, and it would simply be lost or taken. An envelope is really a very important part of any letter that you send.

The Holy Spirit is like an envelope. A Christian has many parts, and all the parts are important and need kept together. A Christian believes many things about God and the way God loves him. A Christian shares many of the things that he has, such as money, food, clothes, and all kinds of things. But the Holy Spirit brings all those things together and keeps them together so that none of them are lost or taken. That's why we say the Holy Spirit is like an envelope. The Holy Spirit not only keeps them together for you but also keeps you for God. The Holy Spirit promises God the Father that what you learn and what you believe and what you share will be kept forever, and the Holy Spirit doesn't do that just for you but for everyone who believes in, learns about, and shares God.

If you have ever seen a post office or if you have seen in a mail carrier's mailbag, you will see all kinds of envelopes. The Holy Spirit shares himself with everyone. There are many hundreds, thousands, and millions of people who have learned and shared and believed in God. The Holy Spirit keeps every one of them safely for God the Father. That's his promise and he keeps it.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Birth Candle on the altar welcomes Lexi Louise Schulze born June 21, 2021. She is the daughter of Kate (Topp) and Aaron Schulze and is the granddaughter of Gene and Ellen Topp. Welcome Lexi!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Greg Maurer, Annabelle Wenning, Bob Kettler, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

I pray to you God, that you would grant me a Spirit of wisdom and revelation of insight into the mysteries and secrets and deep and intimate knowledge of you. By having the eyes of my heart flooded with light so that I can know and understand the hope to which you have called me.

May Christ through my faith make his permanent home in my heart. That I may really come to know and experience for myself the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that I may be filled through all my being into the fullness of You. May I have the

richest measure of Your divine Presence and become a body wholly filled and flooded with you, God.

Now to You who by the action of the power that is at work within me is able to carry out Your purpose and to do superabundantly far over and above all that I dare ask or think and infinitely beyond my highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams—to you be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever.

Bless the company of Christians, the church in every land. Make her eager in worship, fearless in proclamation of the gospel, and passionate for caring.

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus, your son, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Susannah Davis

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:1-14

(NSRV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus¹ the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

^⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring

unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

RESPONSE

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

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

MEDITATION Bryan Trego

In our New Testament reading and in our Children's Moment today we heard a lot about the gifts that God has given to us. There are many days in our lives that we feel, and even see these gifts or blessings. As we go through our day, and as we go through our lives there may be times that we do not notice these blessings. As Thomas Paine said during the dark days of the American Revolution, "These are the times that try men's souls." We as good Christians these are the times that may try are faith. We have all had these moments. These moments could be the loss of a loved one, the end of a cherished relationship or possibly the loss of a job.

It his human nature to dwell on these sad moments and if we are not careful these moments can consume us, or even define us. It is ok to mourn, and it is ok to be sad when these moments occur. The key is to keep looking for the gifts God has given and is still giving to us every day.

A couple of weeks ago I was not having a great day. It was nothing as serious as the events that I previously mentioned. I was just feeling a little sorry for myself. I suppose that is kind of human nature too. In the middle of that day I met a young man named Alex and his grandparents who were raising him. Alex had several physical problems and did not have the ability to speak. I spent about an hour with Alex and his family and learned of his many medical issues, the many surgeries he has had, and the many more to come. The entire time his grandparents were telling me about him, Alex never stopped smiling. He could communicate with hand gestures. When he wanted something to drink, he had a gesture. When he wanted a bite of food, he had a different hand gesture. The most important hand gesture of all came as they were leaving. placed his hand over his mouth and made a motion like he was blowing me a kiss. His grandparents explained that he was thanking me and saying goodbye. At that moment I realized that my bad day wasn't so bad after all. Whether or not you believe God sent Alex to me or whether it was a random encounter that is up for you to decide. To me that is less important. What it showed me was that God was still and will always continue to send blessings. Sometimes, I may need to just look a little harder for them.

This poem by John Paul Moore is one of my favorites: *My Cup Has Overflowed*

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough But I've got loving ones all around me, and that makes me rich enough. I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, Cause my cup has overflowed. I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe,
about the tough rows I have hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, Cause my cup has overflowed.

Now that I have talked about what God has done for us, I believe there is one more important gift he has given us. He has given us the ability to show others that God is still sending blessings. We always tell children that it is better to give than receive gifts. Be the giver! Be the light in somebody's bad day!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SENTENCES: Let us give as we are able-joyfully returning to God a portion of all he has given to us in the name of love. Amen.

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)

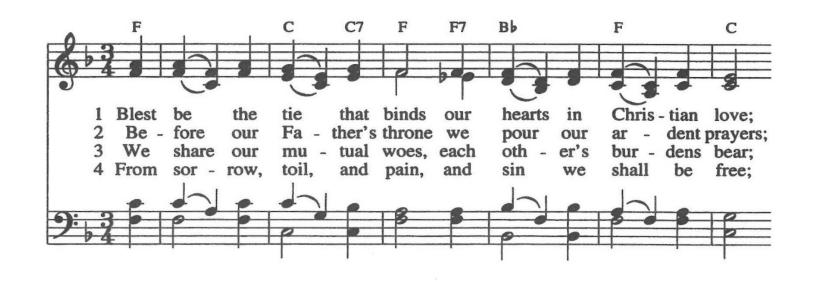
Lord of life, you promise abundant life to all who live together in Christ. We offer these gifts as a sign of our desire to share our resources for the common good the building up of your kingdom. We humbly ask that you use them to strengthen our unity and deepen our witness and healing presence in this hurting and broken world. Amen.

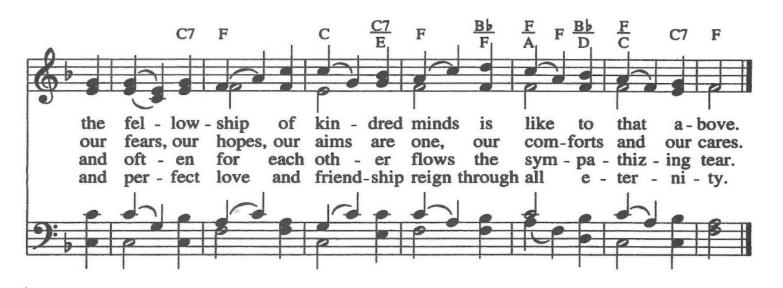
HYMN OF SENDING

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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BENEDICTION: You have shown us, O God, what is good. Enable us, we prat to act justly, to love mercifully and walk humbly with you. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Pass the Love



PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Duane Hartwig by Alice Hartwig.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-85, June 27-Sunday Worship Online-374, In Person-82.

Daily Devotions-Please join Lauren Miller 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 July-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

Wednesday, July 14th Summer Youth Activity-1:00pm-3:00pm Komminsk Legacy Park & Splash Pad, located behind the New Bremen Library. All ages are welcome. Remember to bring a snack/lunch/drinks and a towel.

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.

July/August 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 accessible 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-Diapers (size 3, 4 & 6), Baby Wipes, Training Pants (size 3T-6T), Feminine Hygiene Products, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Manicure Sets, Cotton Balls, Bandages, Dryer sheets, Sunscreen, Napkins, Bleach, Cleaning Supplies, Paper Plates, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Razors, Shaving Cream, Pet Food (Dry & Wet), and Garbage Bags. Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Celebration of life of the Rev. Dr. Ralph C. Quellhorst August 12,1937-June 23, 2020

We would love for you to join us to honor our dad. We know he mentored many. He loved deeply. We are celebrating with a celebration, service and meal. Heidelberg University, Wickham Great Hall, located in the Campus Center, Tiffin, Ohio. August 8, 2021 4 PM service.

Following the service, our family will greet guests outdoors on the Campus Center lawn (Campus Center 220 in case of inclement weather). A meal will also be served on the lawn following the visitation (Hoernemann Refectory in case of inclement weather).

Please RSVP, so we know how much food to fix here:

https://www.alumni.heidelberg.edu/s/1897/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1897 &pgid=882&gid=2&cid=2430&ecid=2430&post_id=0 (If you would like the rsvp link emailed to you, please contact the church)

Please note that Heidelberg University continues to follow CDC guidelines with regard to COVID-19. We kindly request that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to observe masking and distancing protocols while on campus for the Celebration of Life ceremony.

Mindy, Jeff, AJ, Andy, Miranda, Charlotte

Cindy, Harry, Brad, Rob

Pam, Chris

Calendar-Week of July 11, 2021

Galchaal Week of Galy 11, 2021		
Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via
		Facebook Live
	11:15am	Mission Team
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours
		New Bremen Coffee Shop
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Youth Activity-Splash Pad &
		Komminsk Legacy Park
	6:30pm	Summer Carnival Team
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm-8:30pm	Parent Date Night
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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 **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.



