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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Communion, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

Diaper Changing Table Installed - A diaper changing table is now located in the unisex restroom in the narthex.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday, Rite of Confirmation

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
Emily Langenkamp
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG *Come and Find the Quiet Center* No. 477 v. 1

477 Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Gm
F F Dm Bb C
Bb F

1 Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
2 Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3 In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,

F Gm
F Dm Dm
C Bb C Bb F

find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:

F C
E C C
E Dm Am F
A Bb

clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Dm
C Bb F
A Gm7 Am Gm
Bb F

all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
in the Spirit it's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

People: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the coming reign of God.

People: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, our messiah and savior.

People: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven! Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord!

***HYMN**

Rejoice, The Lord is King

No. 342

C $\frac{G}{B}$ C Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ C G

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His King - dom can - not fail, he rules both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope for Christ the Judge shall come

C Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:
 to gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home:

C F $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ Am $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

C F $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G C

Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Confident that we are worshiping the God who has power over both life and death, let us confess our inclination towards death and our desire to be more fully alive.

*CONFESSION

Leader: God of love and true life, we are quick to shout, “Hosanna!” But we are also quick to shout, “Crucify him”!

People: We shout “Crucify Him” when we live as if you didn’t exist. We shout “Crucify Him” when seek our own advantage rather than the good of all.

We shout “Crucify Him” when we fail to care for our neighbors as much as we care for ourselves.

We shout “Crucify Him” when we pretend we are wholly responsible for our own success, denying you and what you have done for us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you have called us to be. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: God, whose unfathomable love went to the cross for our sake, now forgives us all our sins and welcomes us all over again into the promise of eternal life in Christ’s name.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

(NT) pg. 47

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Our youngest disciples are invited to the chancel steps for a special word.

Afterwards, they may return to their seats.

Worship bags are available on the tables in the sanctuary.)

We Respond to God's Word

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

*WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

All: We promise you our continuing 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.

Leader: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS & CONFIRMATION PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF STOLES AND CONFIRMATION VERSES

Student

Adelle Bretz

Levi Grevenkamp

MariAna Muether

Charlotte Nelson

Paige Webb

Sieanna Zeller

Mentor

Ann Kuhn

Jeff Quellhorst

Shelly Zeller

Cindy Newman

Amy Opperman

Kelli Muether

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: As people once raised palms, so we raise our song and prayers to you, O God, as we journey through this crucial week. Assure us that you are always with us, and your promises are true.

People: God of our journey, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: In humility, not pride, Jesus presented himself to the adoring crowds. Show us the value of humble things, and teach us your kingdom's logic-defying order.

People: Humble God, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Be not hidden from our eyes, O Lord, in our time of infirmity. Be present with those we bring before you. Today we especially lift up to you Karen Fox, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Dee Schroer, and Anna Hoelscher. Comfort them, and all who love them, with your sustaining presence.

People: God of all comfort, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: You kept your dear ones close during your last week, O God. Join us all as one fellowship of witnesses to your faithfulness, both living and departed.

People: Unifying God, God of our past and our future, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Confident that you are walking alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior, who taught us how to walk this road when he taught us how to pray, saying, **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. 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.**

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 34
 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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

All: Generous God, you love us with the lavish excitement of children at a parade. With the same joy, we return these offerings to you, for the sake of our neighbors and the world. Bless them for the good use you have planned for them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult* No. 345

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Leader: God, our blessed sovereign, we gathered this morning with shouts of 'hosanna'.

People: **But we know that soon, we may be shouting 'crucify'.**

Leader: Remind us that, come what may, you are still our God.

People: **Your love for us cannot be shaken.**

Leader: Lead us into and through this holy week of pain and suffering with our eyes and ears open to what you are teaching us.

People: **Bring us together on Easter with hearts and minds open to your resurrecting love.**

***CLOSING SONG**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 712 v. 1

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison

N.C.

Chords: F, C/E, F, Dm, Gm/Bb, C, C/E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Chords: F, F/A, Bb, F/C, C7, F, N.C.

peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
 tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

Chords: F, C/E, F, Dm, Gm/Bb, Gm, Gm/Bb, C, C/E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
 faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

Chords: F, F/A, Bb, F/C, C7, F

fruits of our wor - ship in of all who be - lieve. The
 brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)

MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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ASH GROVE
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***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also, with you!**

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Jesse, Verona, and Don R. Miller by Bev Plattner.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Eunice Ireton (East door), Rev. Kendra Bonifas (South door), and Howard Fark (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants: Sunday, March 17th – Worship In-Person-94, Online-36

Buildings Closed – The church and educational building will be shut entirely on Monday, April 8th which is the day of the solar eclipse. All activities will resume on Tuesday, April 9th.

Altar Flower Dates Available – June 23rd and June 30th are available for purchasing altar flowers. If you would like to purchase altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, an anniversary, or a birthday please see the signup sheets located in the narthex for available dates. You may also call the church office to sign up. The current price for altar flowers is \$40.00. Thank you.

Building Access – New locks have been installed on the church doors and educational building. The old keys will no longer work. If you have not reached out and need building access, please contact Lindsay Quellhorst at 937-689-0657 or the church office at 419-629-2502. If you have been assigned a pin number please follow these instructions to use the pin pad:

- 1. Hit the * (star button)*
- 2. Enter your PIN number*

*3. Hit the * (star button)*

4. Reenter your PIN number,

5. Hit the # (pound sign).

*For example, if your pin is 1234, Hit *1234*1234#*

Scouting for Food - On Saturday, March 9, our Blessing Pantry was the recipient of the yearly Scouting for Food event. The boys and their parents gathered all the generous donations from the communities of New Knoxville and New Bremen that were left on the porches of their homes. After they made many trips throughout the towns and drop offs to the church, they pitched in to help the pantry volunteers sort and box all these items. Our thanks go out to these communities, the pantry volunteers, and this wonderful group of Cub Scouts for supporting the Blessing Pantry in helping to feed those in need.



MARCH EVENTS

March 28th | Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm in the auditorium. This service is to celebrate Jesus' last supper. Handwashing and communion will be included.

March 29th | Good Friday Service will take place at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Join us as we remember Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Worship will include the seven last words of Christ and the stripping of the sanctuary.

March 31st | Easter Brunch will be served in the assembly room after the 7:00am worship service until 9:30am. The menu includes New Bremen Coffee Co. coffee, muffins, donuts, and fruit.

March 31st | Easter Worship will be offered at 7:00am and again at 10:15am.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

The Women's Service Group has received a grant for \$500 from the Heartland Conference to assist in the making of one hundred school kit bags for Church World Service. The bags are filled with a ruler, eraser, pencils, scissor, crayons, sharpener and notebooks, articles needed for children to learn. Church World Service distributes them to areas of need in our world. Natural disasters and conflicts happen often, and the need is great.

We are a small group and need help from our congregation in the making of these bags. Material is being supplied along with a very simple pattern. If interested, please contact Joyce Gilberg at 419-629-2947 or Sally Dicke at 419-629-2720.

Blessing Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry is closed on Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome**—Blessing Pantry Needs – Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Shaving Cream, Adult and Kids' Toothbrushes, Women's Deodorant, Men's Deodorant, Garbage Bags, Paper Plates, Softener Sheets, **Diapers (sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6)**. Thank you! Containers are located outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

2024 Council Candidates - We are looking for a council candidate to fill the Jr. Deacon position. If you feel God is laying this on your heart or you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to the church office or Matt Ranly.

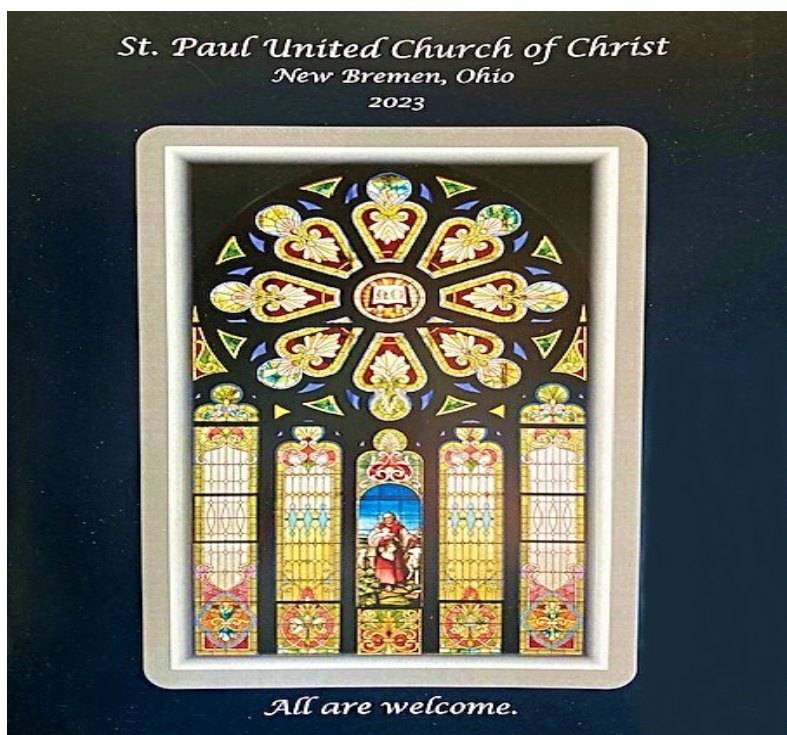
St. Paul UCC NB Job Openings - The following positions are available: Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Matt Ranly, Council President.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

St. Paul UCC St. Marys Job Opening: St. Paul UCC, in St. Marys, is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant, 30-35 hours per week. Please contact the church office for the job description and contact information.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email.

Church Directories – Copies of the 2023 Church Directory are available on the tables in the sanctuary and outside the church office.



The March Mission 2024 is One Great Hour of Sharing® (OGHS)

*You're here to be
light, bringing out
the God-colors
in the world.*

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)

*"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it
shine...Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine..."*

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message—our light is on a light stand, for all to see—shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS.

Your contributions make a difference.
Your dollars count. Give generously.

Share the light.

**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING

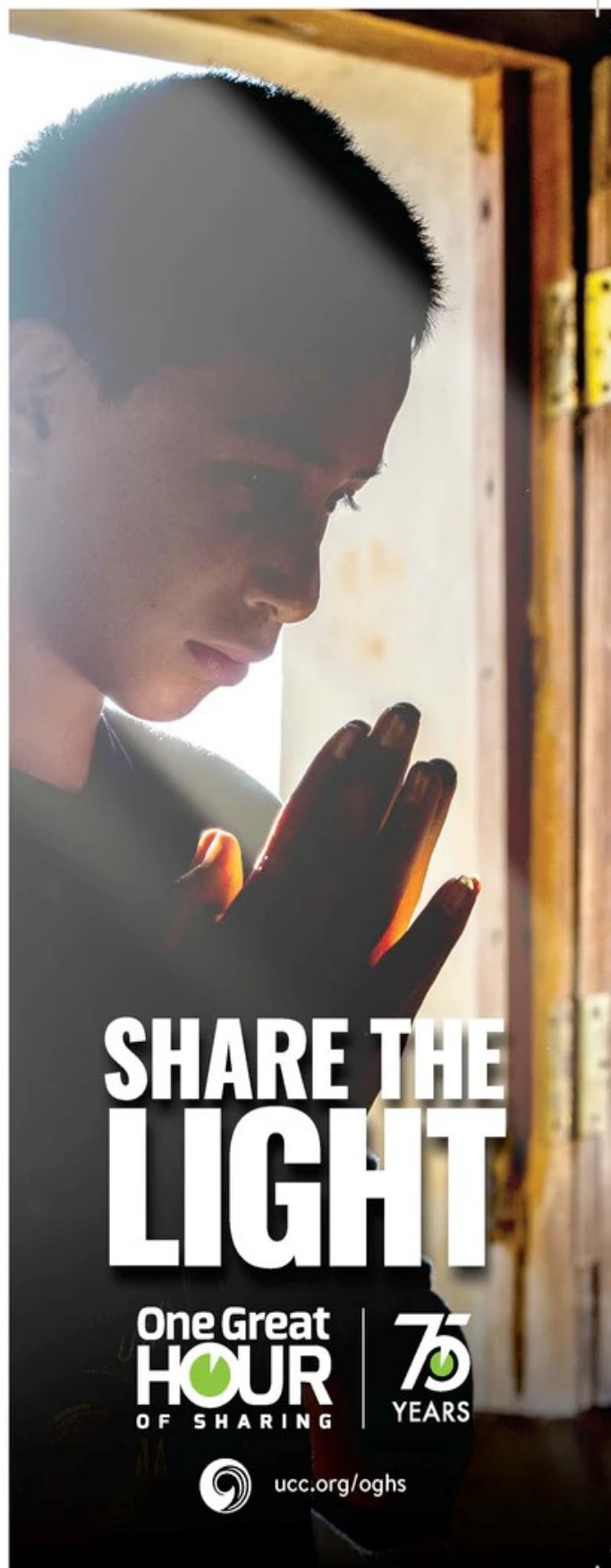
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YEARS



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Calendar-Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School Worship - In Person & Facebook Live
Monday	9:00am-12:00pm 2:00pm-4:00pm	Office Hours NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00pm 5:30pm-7:30pm 7:00pm	Office Hours Blessing Pantry Open Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm	Office Hours Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	9:00am-12:00pm 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 7:00pm	Office Hours Women's Service Group Staff Meeting Blessing Pantry Open Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion in the Auditorium
Friday	9:00am-12:00pm 7:00pm	Office Hours Good Friday Service – In Person & Facebook Live

2024 Financial Information as of March 18, 2024

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$16,714.70
Endowment Trans \$9,255.00 (ytd)
Income \$72,011.38 (ytd)
Expenses \$63,889.19 (ytd)
Balance \$24,836.89 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$71,978.89
Income \$6,652.00 (ytd)
Endowment Inc. \$1,405.63 (ytd)
Expenses \$10,039.95 (ytd)
Balance \$69,996.57 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$839.50

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$16,791.50
Income \$3,201.50 (ytd)
Expenses \$250.00 (ytd)
Balance \$19,743.00 (ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$32,845.83
Income \$5,940.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$1,356.65 (ytd)
Balance \$37,429.18 (ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$6,013.50 (ytd)

E-Giving @ St. Paul

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

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))

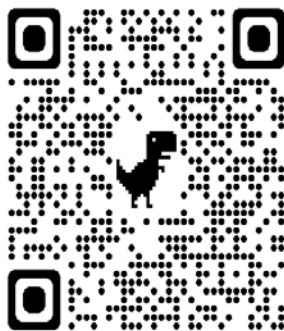
- ☐ For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- ☐ For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- ☐ For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- ☐ For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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.



**Your donation makes a difference.
Thank you for helping us change lives.**

