

St. Paul United Church of Christ

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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 31, 2024
Easter Sunday, Feast of the Resurrection

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist 7:00am
Organist 10:15am
Liturgist 7:00am
Liturgist 10:15am
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Connie O'Neill
Patty Ruckman
June Oaks
Marlene Ahlers
June Oaks

We Gather Together

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Together, let us proclaim the great mystery of our faith.

Leader: Christ has died.

People: Christ is risen.

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Leader: Christ has died.

People: Christ is risen.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia, alleluia, we worship our living God!

***HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

No. 287

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Confident that our Lord is coming to us with mercy and love, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Risen God,

People: We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior.

People: Through Jesus Christ our savior, our sins are forgiven this day and always. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 marked at the beginning of their respective staves. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son and the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men." The chords are: F, Bb, F, C7, F, C7, F, Gm, C7, F, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Gm, C7, F, Am, Dm, Gm, C7, Am, Dm, Gm, C7, Am, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Bb.

F Bb F C7 F C7 F

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son and the Ho - ly Ghost. As it

5 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. As it

9 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men.

13 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 118:21-27

(OT) pg. 565

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

(NT) pg. 54

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.)

*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

No. 298

SERMON

Courage!

Rev. Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Risen God, free us from our fear, that we might boldly proclaim the good news of all that you have done for us.

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

Leader: Whether in seasonal climates or in climates where the cycles of change are more subtle, we will always see signs of renewal and growth. May each new sprout or newborn life be a joyful proclamation of the resurrection.

People: God of new life, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: As you called upon Jesus' women disciples to proclaim the resurrection, continue to raise up leaders from among marginalized communities, that they might open our eyes to new and effective solutions to the world's challenges.

People: God of the marginalized, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: You promise us eternal life, where there will be no more sickness or grief. Until that time, send your healing strength to all those who suffer

in body, mind, or spirit, that they might be comforted in their pain. Today we especially lift up to your mercy Karen Fox, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Dee Schroer, and Anna Hoelscher.

People: God of true healing, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: People around the world are celebrating this holiest of days, the resounding declaration of what makes us Christians. Unite the whole church in every nation, that all might work together toward your reign of justice for all people.

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

Leader: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ our savior, who taught us to live lives worthy of resurrection by praying, **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

*OFFERTORY SONG *We Give Thee but Thine Own* No. 688

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

All: Merciful God, we offer ourselves, our time, and our resources to you, that you would use them to transform our world for the good of all people and all creation. Accept these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness to you and our commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* No. 293
(Sing to “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”, No. 59)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let all God's people say,

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

***CLOSING SONG**

Go with Us, Lord

No. 747 (x2)

***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 Cathy Nevels by Tim Nevels and the Mullins Family.

A Celebration of Life for Robert Paul will be held on Monday, April 1st at 10:30am in the sanctuary. A graveside service will be held at the German Protestant Cemetery following the service. Family and friends are invited to gather for lunch in the assembly room following the graveside service.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Ryan Link (South door), the Family of Robert Paul (North door), and John and Carol Mohrman (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Women's Service Group Outing- The Women's Service Group will meet at the church parking lot on April 11th at 11:00 am to carpool for a trip to Sidney. We will eat at The Bridge in Sidney and proceed to the Shelby County Animal Shelter for a 1:00pm tour of the shelter. Members should contact Bev Plattner at 419-629-3694 or 419-236-1558 for reservations before April 8th.

Any other interested church members or other guests are invited to join us. Please contact Bev if you're interested.

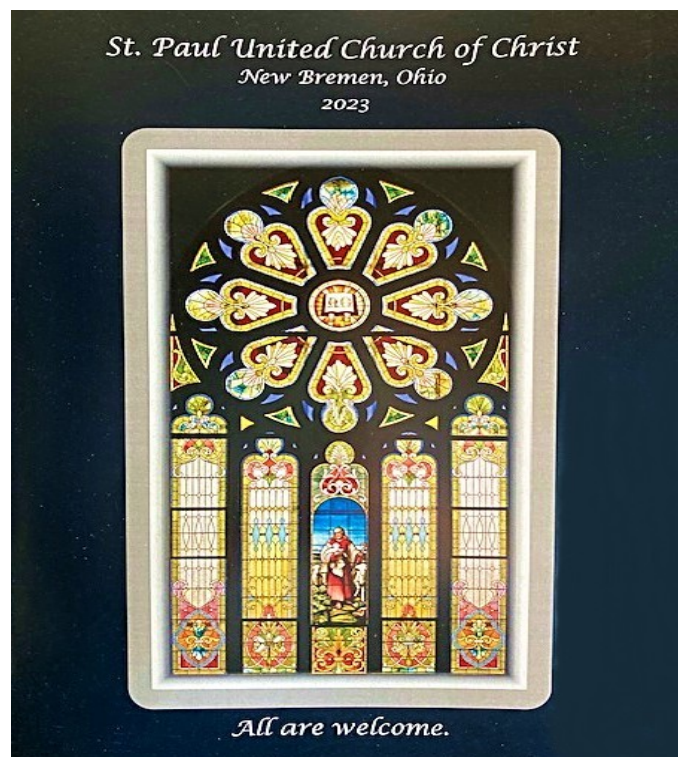
Church Council Meeting - The next church council meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm in the assembly room.

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.



Solar Eclipse Glasses are available on the tables in the sanctuary courtesy of the Village of New Bremen.

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



OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

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#*

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.

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, Bleach, Baby lotion, Diapers (sizes Newborn, 2, 3, and 4).

Thank you! Containers are located outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

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.



Weekly Devotions and Monthly Mailer – Are you hearing from us? Are you keeping up with all that's going on here at St. Paul? If you would like to receive the Wednesday Devotions email and the Monthly Mailer with all the current St. Paul news and information, please contact the church office by calling 419-629-2502 or emailing stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

Calendar-Week of March 31, 2024

Sunday	7:00am	Worship – In Person
	8:00am-9:30am	Easter Brunch (Assembly Room)
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – In Person & Facebook Live
Monday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Gathering (NB Coffee Shop)
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours
		Church Council Reports Due
	2:00pm	Worship w/ Elmwood Residents (Elmwood)
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours
	12:00pm	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club (Speedway Lanes)
	5:00pm	Worship w/ Communion (Chapel)

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

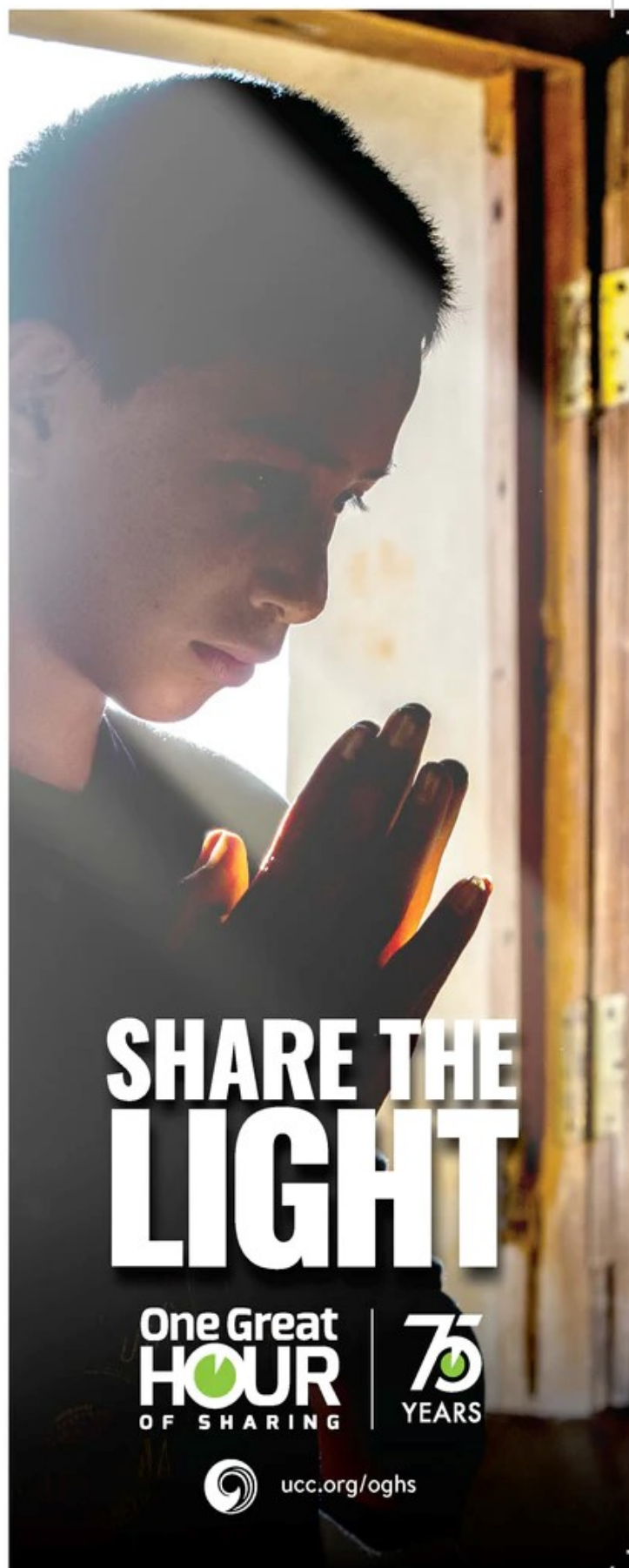
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YEARS



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2024 Financial Information as of March 29, 2024

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$16,714.70
Endowment Trans \$9,255.00 (ytd)
Income \$75,162.18 (ytd)
Expenses \$74,611.68 (ytd)
Balance \$17,265.20 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$71,978.89
Income \$6,762.00 (ytd)
Endowment Inc. \$1,405.63 (ytd)
Expenses \$11,153.95 (ytd)
Balance \$68,992.57 (ytd)

Our Church's Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$6,236.00 (ytd)

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 \$5,990.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$1,909.41 (ytd)
Balance \$36,926.42 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$902.00

Easter Lilies



In Loving Memory of:

Loved Ones by Roger and Cheryl Barlage

Robert Wilson by Carol Wilson and Family

Becky Quellhorst by Tom Quellhorst

Edgar and Vilma Rump, Jesse and Verona Miller, Raymon and Anna Plattner
by Bev Plattner

Don R. and Rodney Miller and Ralph Plattner by Bev Plattner

Janice Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family

Clarence and Esther Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family

Loved Ones by the Allen Bushman Family

Cathy Nevels by Tim Nevels

Judy Taylor by Neal, Michelle, Faith Ann, and Cooper Voress

Ron Hittepole and Andrea Hittepole by Marlene Hittepole

James and Irene Jarvis and Ron Gilbert by the David Jarvis Family

Loved Ones by Burt and Jan Fiser

Delilah and Wilson Braun and LeVerne and Walter McCollum
by Tom and Ginny Braun

John A. Ahlers by Marlene Ahlers

Mary Lou Howell

Loved Ones by Robert and Diane Paul

Mariann and Adolph Pape by Sue and Lester Schmackers

Everett and Barbara Schmidt by Sue and Lester Schmackers

Loved Ones by Cindy Newman

Jacqui Broerman, Levi Oaks, Stan and Dorothy Hertenstein
by June Oaks

Cindy Dicke by the Roland Dicke Family

Lindsey Platfoot by the Langenkamp Family

A Gift to:

Shelly Finke in Memory of Mary Holdren Finke
by Jim Moore

Ann Kuhn in Memory of Joann Schweissguth
by Jeff and Debbie Scheer

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John and Cathy Scheer in Memory of Joann Schweissguth
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(Easter lilies can be taken home after the 10:15 Easter service.)

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))

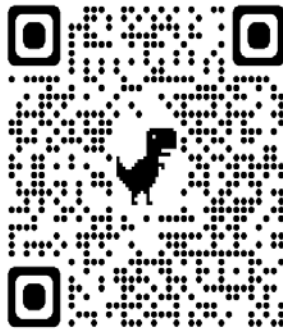
- ☐ For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- ☐ For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- ☐ For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- ☐ For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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.**