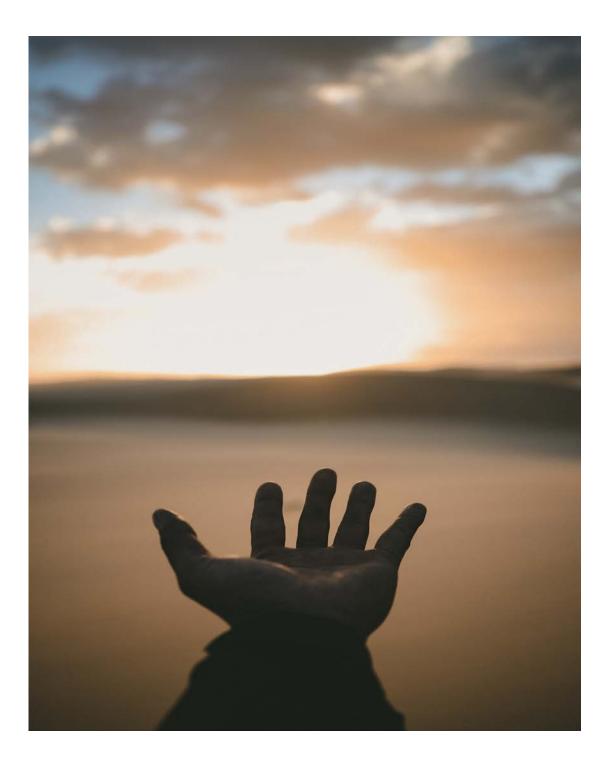
St. Paul United Church of Christ New Bremen, OH

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost June 30th, 2024 10:15am



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.

Who We Are

We are a justice-minded Christian community WELCOMING TO ALL.

At a time when religion is too often portrayed as narrow-minded and exclusive, St. Paul UCC believes in an alternate vision:

- God is all-loving and inclusive.
- The Church welcomes and accepts everyone as they are.
 - Your mind is nourished as much as your soul.
 - Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary.
 - Together we grow a just and peaceful world.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Communion, and Offering Plates are available on the 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. Changing tables are also available in each restroom.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest" Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The Congregation
Interim Pastor	Rev. David Voll
Accompanist	Bev Plattner
Liturgist	June Oaks
Sr. Deacon	June Oaks

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PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

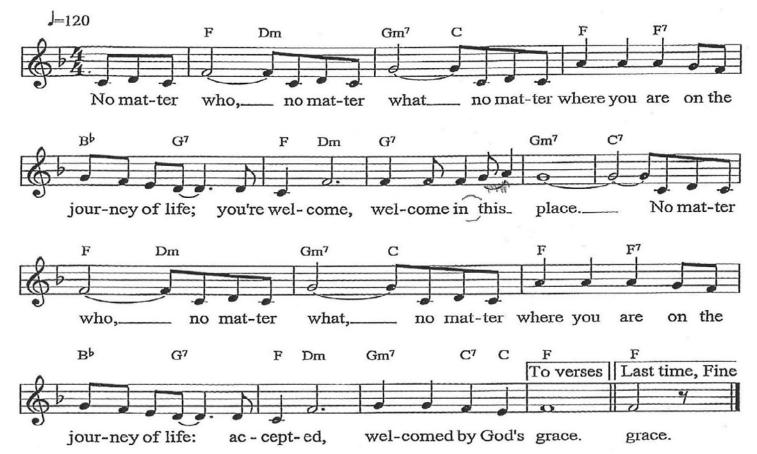
We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter





*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Leader: As we worship, let us exalt and glorify God, Who has led us in the past and walks beside us now as we journey through life.

<u>People</u>: And we know in faith that God will guide us on our future path!

- Leader: Even if we feel deserted and helpless, God is always near to bless us.
- <u>People</u>: Let us praise Almighty God, Who never forsakes or forgets us!

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 71

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71



WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

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***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

Almighty God, be with us this day as we offer our praise and adoration for encouraging us to maintain faith in You in difficult situations. We'd like to say that we come to worship as empty vessels, waiting to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but we also know that the anxieties of life accompany us. Save us from any dread we feel today and dismay about what the future may hold. Forgive our lack of faith, which gives fear control over our lives. In our worship and every day, speak Your words of hope, healing, and happiness, that we may face our difficulties confidently, assured that You will be our shelter and our hope. Calm our worries when threatened by fear, that we may be secure in knowing that You will supply our needs.

Hear us now as we silently acknowledge our need for grace and mercy:

(TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION)

***WORDS OF GRACE**

<u>Leader</u>: As Jesus taught those who were healed from their brokenness through their faith—we also believe in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's love by the grace of Christ. So let us rejoice that in his name, for we are a forgiven people! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father



God's Word Is Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Our youngest disciples are invited to come to the chancel steps for a special word. Worship bags are available in the narthex.)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY SILENT MEDITATION PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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. SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalms 130 (NRSV)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21–43 (NRSV)

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." ³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But

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overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*SERMON HYMN O God, We Rage at Hurtful Things

Words: © *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette – used by permission Tune – ST. ANNE 8.6.8.6 ("O God, Our Help in Ages Past")*

O God, we rage at hurtful things Beyond our own control, Like all the pain that illness brings To body, mind, and soul.

There's much we cannot understand; O Lord, we ask you, "Why?" And yet in Christ you know firsthand The tears your people cry.

O Christ, your loving, saving touch Heals children, women, men. We pray for ones we love so much; Lord, make them whole again.

Now work through those your Spirit sends To heal, restore and care. May doctors, nurses, neighbors, friends Be answers to our prayer.

And when the journey seems too rough And you seem far away, Remind us, Lord: You are enough To bring us through each day.

SERMON

Put on Hold

Rev. Dave Voll

We Respond to God's Word

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY SENTENCES *DOXOLOGY

No. 34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, we bring our offerings and ourselves to be dedicated and blessed, as a response to our faith and that we might support the church's ministry of learning, doing, and praying. In Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Word Sends Us Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

God Be With You

No. 716

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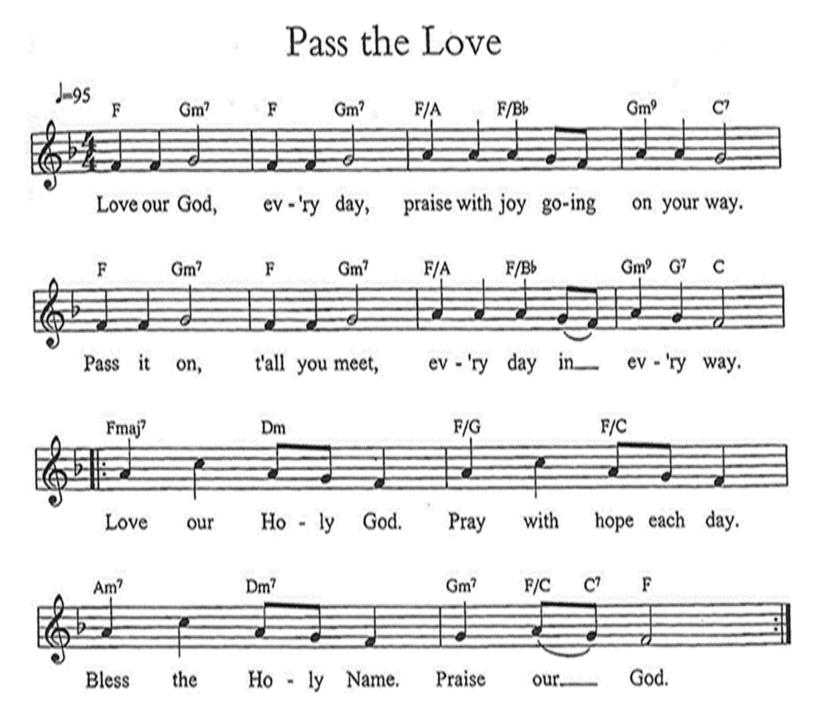
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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Pass the Love



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

<u>People</u>: And also with you.

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

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Office Hours May Vary

Over the summertime, the church office hours may vary. If you plan to stop by the church office, please call ahead to be sure someone will be in to assist you.

Closed for the Fourth of July

The church office and the blessing pantry will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

Sunday Hymns

The Worship Team has decided to no longer print hymns in the bulletin that are included in our pew hymnal. But understanding that using the hymnal may be difficult for some, a separate sheet of printed hymns can be made available. Please contact the office or a Worship Team member to make your need known.



New Members' Orientation Coming Soon

Are you or is someone you know interested in church membership or perhaps in simply learning more about St. Paul and/or the United Church of Christ? Plans will soon be made for a series of New Members' Orientation Sessions. There are two people who are definitely interested in joining St. Paul – we just need to know if there are more. If so, please speak with Pastor Dave or contact the church office about your intentions and you will be given a new member packet. You will then be contacted regarding the schedule of the three orientation sessions.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Greg Maurer Bart Maurer Terri Mullins Dee Schroer

Those in our congregation and community dealing with health issues (Names will appear for 2 weeks unless there are changes in condition.)

Circle of Friends Cards

Please take a moment to sign cards for our friends: Don and Sue Kettler (East door), Kendra Bonifas (South door), and Mim Donnerberg (North door). Recipients greatly appreciate the cards you sign.

Worship Attendance on Sunday, June 23rd - In-Person 74, Online 33

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are in appreciation of Norm Holcomb and Dan Nedderman for all their hard work around our church by Amy Scheer.

Last Call for Lost and Found Items

Please check the lost and found items, located on the shelf outside the church office doors, for any belongings you might have lost this year. We will be donating all lost and found items to Agape in mid-July.

Box of Bibles Found and (possibly) Lost

Box of Bibles: The New Adventure Bible, 2 Good News Bibles, Large White Holy Bible, Book –"You'll Get Through This", and Antique Bible presented to Frank Rudd on Dec. 25, 1910. If you know who they belong to please contact Bev Plattner, 419-629-3694 (This number has been corrected from last week's bulletin.) or 419-236-1558.

The Blessing Pantry Currently Needs:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Conditioner, Shaving Cream, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Liquid Fabric Softener, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Vaseline, Baby Formula, Baby Diapers sizes (3, 4, 5, and 6). Containers are located outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations to be dropped off. All donations are welcome and appreciated! Thank you!

Help Support Disaster Relief this Summer

Disaster Relief Buckets are available in the sanctuary in front of the altar. Supply lists are in each bucket. There is always a continuous need for these buckets which go to Church World Service. Please return the buckets and supplies to the sanctuary as soon as possible. **"We are all just a situation away, from being in a situation of need."** Thank you for your support! The Mission Team

Washington UCC Back to School Ministry

The school year is quickly approaching and again we are continuing to help the disadvantaged children served by Washington UCC by supporting their *Back to School* ministry program. With the funds, they are able to send many of their lowincome children back to school, each in a uniform, if required, or new school clothes, socks and shoes, along with a backpack of school supplies and a personal hygiene kit. Our donations last year helped them to provide school uniforms for nearly 20 students in the Camp Washington community.

On average it is estimated that each student's average annual needs are \$100.00 per child. Camp Washington aims to help about 25 children this year, so the project costs would be around \$2500. Throughout the month of July we will be sharing the gifts that are donated to provide uniforms and hygiene kits to the children at Camp Washington, as their needs are continuing to grow.

Donations at any level are welcomed, and will make a great impact on the children in these communities. Thank you for your continued generosity and support, the Mission Team.



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of

St. Paul UCC, New Bremen

For your 2023 contribution of

\$24,699.10 Basic

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission

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Karen Georgia A. Thompson General Minister and President United Church of Christ

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2024 Financial Information as of June 28, 2024

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$16,714.70 Endowment Trans \$18,510.00 (ytd) Income \$157,443.74 (ytd) Expenses \$150,116.52 (ytd) Balance \$24,041.92 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$71,978.89 Income \$ 26,622.00 (ytd) Endowment Inc.\$1,717.79 (ytd) Expenses \$16,460.59 (ytd) Balance \$83,858.09 (ytd)

Our Church's Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00 Income \$12,575.50 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$16,791.50 Income \$6,156.50 (ytd) Expenses \$929.00 (ytd) Balance \$22,019.00 (ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$32,845.83 Income \$6,956.62 (ytd) Expenses \$3,451.52 (ytd) Balance \$36,350.93 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$3,859.00

E-Giving @ St. Paul

- 1. Online Make a donation on our website: www.stpaulnb.org
- 2. Text Make a donation by texting: 833-308-0048
 How to Give by Text: (\$25 is an example below. Minimum amount is \$5.)

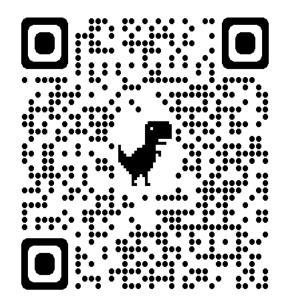
□ For general fund giving: **Send 25 gl** (hit send)

- □ For building & property fund giving: **Send 25 bp** (hit send)
 - □ For the 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 is sent by text the first time a donation is made. *Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.*

Donation Confirmation is sent by text each time a donation is made.



St. Paul United Church of Christ 119 N. Franklin St. New Bremen, OH 45869

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Summer hours may vary.

Blessing Pantry Hours:

Tuesdays 5:30–7:30pm Wednesdays 1–3 pm Thursdays 1–3 pm

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United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.