September 27, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Blessings to you in these early autumn days! We hope and pray you experience peace and love in this new season.

This coming Sunday, October 3, we join Christians throughout the world for World Communion Sunday. If you are unable to worship with us in the sanctuary and do not have communion elements for your online worship, please contact the church office and we will do our best to get communion to you.

We are soliciting volunteers in the following areas:

- 1. Folk to coordinate bathroom renovations in the education building
- 2. Folk to call and send cards to our homebound folk
- 3. Digital greeters for Sunday mornings to greet the online worshipers at 10:15

Please see Pastor Becky if you are able to assist in any of these areas.

October's Book Club book is David Gregory's Dinner with a Perfect Stranger. We are ordering copies of the book this morning. Instead of an in-person Book Club, we are encouraging readers to get together—possibly by email—for discussion. You should be able to pick up a copy of this book by the end of this week.

Last Monday, St. Paul Church fell prey to a scam. An email was received by many of our members stating that Pastor Becky needed eBay cards for a church project. This email was close to Becky's email, but was not hers. The New Bremen police are involved and we have since learned that other churches in our area were targeted. Please exercise caution with online requests for funds—the scammers are very, very good at taking advantage of your trust and your generosity.

This packet is sent to approximately 510 households each week. Most of our recipients greatly appreciate the information particularly the worship bulletin that includes sermon and prayers. However, if you would like to no longer receive the packet, please email us at stpaulnb@nktelco.net or call the church office at 419-629-2502.

We thank you for your faithfulness to God displayed in your faithfulness to St. Paul Church during these uncertain times. Your prayers, your volunteer hours, and your generosity allows us to Love God & Love Neighbor extravagantly. Thank you!

Blessings,

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Myra Hanenkratt

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

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Council President

Roland Dicke

Council VP

Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of September 27, 2021 Local Aid **Operating Fund** 

Beg. Balance \$0.00 Giving Income \$12,790.69(weekly) Endowment Transfers \$16,779.00(ytd)

Income \$217,058.29(ytd)

Expenses \$217.985.18(vtd) Balance (\$926.89) (vtd)

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15 Building Maint & Property Care Bless Pantry Ex. \$11,848.92(ytd)

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37 Income \$42,675.50(ytd)

Endowment Income \$4,006.67(ytd) Expenses \$39,680.58(vtd) Balance \$80,645.96 (ytd)

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20 Income \$19,729.00 (ytd)

Expenses \$12,172.43(ytd) Balance \$13,806.77

Bless Pantry Inc. \$19,751.00(ytd)

BP Balance \$15,783.23 **Our Church Wider Mission** 

Pledge \$25,000.00 Income \$449.00(weekly) Income \$19,871.50 (ytd)

Project of the Year Income \$0.00(weekly) Balance \$4,411.00(ytd)

Please remember the family of Loree Nedderman in your prayers. Loree passed away September 23, 2021. Service to celebrate her life was held September 26, 2021.

Please remember the family of Joan Ahlers in your prayers. Joan passed away September 26, 2021. Service to celebrate her life will be held October 2, 2021.





God's Name Is Revealed

October 3, 2021

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of the covenant, you kept your promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when you returned to deliver the Israelites. Your faithfulness saved your people. Teach us to trust in your faithfulness. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I am who I am." (Exodus 3:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God honored God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when God appeared to Moses to promise deliverance to God's people.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you had to wait a really long time for an answer from God. What happened when the answer finally came? If you are still waiting, what answer are you hoping for?

What did God mean by, "I Am Who I Am"? Consider that "I Am" is a state of being, not a state of doing.

For the littles: Do you like your name? What have you named your dolls, stuffed animals, or action figures?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God answer your prayers. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to polarisproject.org to learn more about human trafficking in our world today. Take the quiz, "How much do you know..." Learn as much as you can about what it is and how you can help stop it.

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17, God's Name Is Revealed Monday, Exodus 6:28-7:7, Moses and Aaron Obey God's Commands Tuesday, Exodus 12:1-13, The First Passover Wednesday, Exodus 12:29-42, Death of the Firstborn Thursday, Exodus 13:17-22, The Pillars of Cloud and Fire Friday, Exodus 14:1-25, Crossing the Red Sea Saturday, Exodus 14:26-31, Pursuers Drowned



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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.

#### IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

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

Please fill out worship cards located in the pews and place in offering plate as you exit. It is very important these cards are filled out by everyone who is here in case we need to contact you. Thank you!!!!

**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 on the tables. Thank you!

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

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: Godlovesyou

The \* indicates all who are able may stand

## October 3, 2021 World Communion Sunday

#### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Cheyenne Olt
Dick Hudson
Scott Dammeyer
Jim Strang

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Accompanist/Vocalist
Organist
Liturgist
Music Director

#### **PRELUDE**

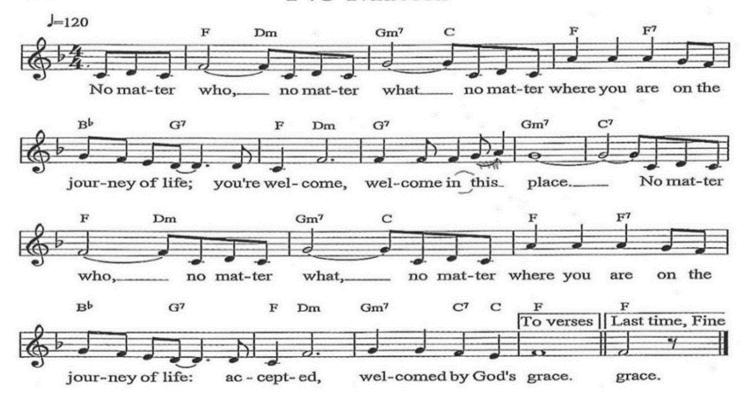
#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MOMENT FOR MISSION: Neighbors in Need

In 2021, Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" is focused on supporting organizations and projects serving our homeless and immigrant neighbors and communities. One third of NIN funds support the Council for the American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects in their communities. We have received grants in the past from this mission. Thank you for your contributions. The Mission Team.

\*WELCOME SONG

#### No Matter



#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Leader: God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Speak to Me

verses 1 & 4

## Lord, Speak to Me

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but often we live as if that makes no difference. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

(from <u>Harvest for the World: A Worship Anthology on Sharing in the Work of Creation</u>; compiled by Geoffrey Duncan. The Pilgrim Press. 2003)

When we are unkind to people and forget they are God's children, forgive us, O God. When we are careless with the beasts and forget they are God's creation, forgive us, O God. When we illtreat the land and forget it is your splendor, forgive us, O God. Forgive us, O God of love, and reconcile us to yourself, to one another, and to the Creation. Teach us, that the earth and all its fullness is yours, the world and those who dwell in it. Remind us that your Son, too, enjoyed the fruits of harvest in Galilee and joins us now as we celebrate your good gifts together. Amen.

\*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS.

WORDS: Gloria Patri, 2nd c. MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

People: Amen!



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#### PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Sharing communion with Christians around the world.

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Martha Plattner (JTDMH), Kohneita Lear, Dorothy Wilkens, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Scott Kuenning, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader. Let us pray. We come before you, O God, in sacred spaces of sanctuary, living room and kitchen. Whether we are gathered or scattered, our prayers unite as we lift up to you our congregation, our communities, our nation, and the world. SILENCE

Leader: Forgive us when we look for what is lacking rather than rejoicing in the plenty of our lives. Continue to bless us, not only with those things we need, but with your Spirit of gratitude and joy. Generous God,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We reap the riches of the land and benefit from the treasures of the earth. Wake us up to the breadth of responsibility required to preserve this fertile planet, and don't ever let us lose sight of our interconnectedness with it and its fate. Generous God,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We praise you that you have gifted us with the mission to care for those on the margins of life. Especially in this time of sickness and death, we ask for your strength as we continue to offer healing and hope to our hurting communities. Generous God,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Your blessings rain upon us from the heavens, O God. Shower us with your healing and surround each person who suffers, cloaking them with your presence and love. Generous God,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We follow the trail of your saints, stretching through miles of wilderness, over centuries of grace. Give us the faith of our forefathers and foremothers. Offer us patience when the way ahead seems unclear. Generous God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless us, Holy One, and bless these prayers which we lift up to you. Give us assurance of your steadfast promises and the peace of your presence. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16:1-18 (The Message) On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, "Why didn't God let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!"

<sup>4-5</sup> God said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration."

6-7 Moses and Aaron told the People of Israel, "This evening you will know that it is God who brought you out of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the Glory of God. Yes, he's listened to your complaints against him. You haven't been complaining against us, you know, but against God."

- <sup>8</sup> Moses said, "Since it will be God who gives you meat for your meal in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, it's God who will have listened to your complaints against him. Who are we in all this? You haven't been complaining to us—you've been complaining to God!"
- <sup>9</sup> Moses instructed Aaron: "Tell the whole company of Israel: 'Come near to God. He's heard your complaints.""
- <sup>10</sup> When Aaron gave out the instructions to the whole company of Israel, they turned to face the wilderness. And there it was: the Glory of God visible in the Cloud.

<sup>11-12</sup> God spoke to Moses, "I've listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: 'At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you'll eat your fill of bread; and you'll realize that I am God, your God."

<sup>13-15</sup> That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, man-hu (What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

<sup>15-16</sup> So Moses told them, "It's the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God's instructions: 'Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.""

<sup>17-18</sup> The People of Israel went to work and started gathering, some more, some less, but when they measured out what they had gathered, those who gathered more had no extra and those who gathered less weren't short—each person had gathered as much as was needed.

#### RESPONSE

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

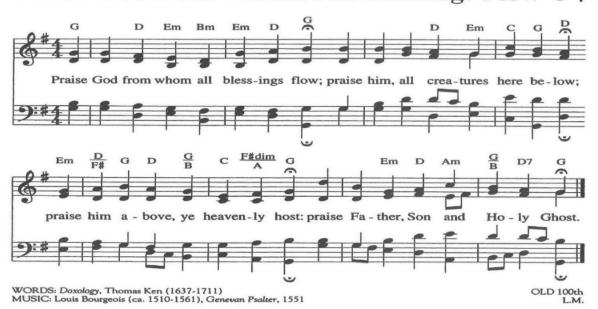
People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS
OFFERING INVITATION
\*DOXOLOGY

#### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God, it is your will to continually shower us with blessings. Take out of our abundance and supply the needs of those who have very little. Help us to be the fulfillment of your promises to them. Bless these gifts to your good purpose. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (communion liturgy written by Pastor Becky, integrating Carrie Newcomer's Room at the Table. Used with permission of Ms. Newcomer)

In the United Church of Christ we practice an Open Table. You need not be a church member to commune; you need only a sincere desire to draw near to Christ and seek peace with your neighbor. Communion elements are available on the offering tables. We hold the elements and commune together.

#### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

Leader: No matter where we go in this life, no matter what we have experienced, Jesus invites us to this meal, to his table.

Music Leader (singing): Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on margins.

There is room at the table for everyone.

This is where it all begins; this is how we gather in.

There is room at the table for everyone.

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone

But there is room at the table for everyone.

This is how it all begins, let us sing a new world in:

There is room at the table for everyone.

#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Gracious God, we gather as your children today, filled with joy, for Christ has risen and our lives will never be the same.



Leader: We praise you, O God, for what you have done for us in Christ Jesus. Through him, we experience your love, your forgiveness, your grace. And so we sing:



People:

Leader: We thank you, Holy One, for these gifts of bread and wine—that this joyful meal shared is a foretaste of your glorious Kingdom.

People: There is room at the ta-ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We humbly ask you to pour your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon our lives. May we be nourished for lives of service in your name.



People:

Leader: Amen!

Music Leader (singing): There is room for us all; and no gift is too small.



Music Leader (singing): There's enough if we share; come on pull up a chair.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: It is through the broken Bread we recognize the risen Christ.

Leader: It is through sharing the Cup of Blessing that we know forgiveness today and always.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Leader: The Body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

The Blood of Christ, poured out for you. Take and drink.

Music Leader (singing): No matter who are you; no matter where you're from,



People:

Music Leader (singing): Here and now we can be the beloved

community:



People:

There is the ta - ble for room ev 'ry one

Leader: Amen!

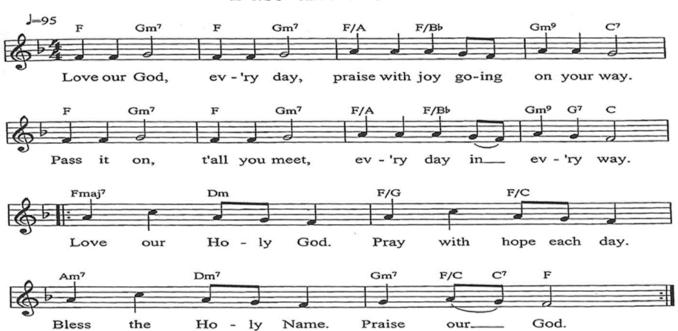
\*HYMN OF SENDING Now Let Us from This Table Rise verses 1 & 4 Now Let Us from This Table Rise



#### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Pass the Love

Pass the Love



\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*POSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of the Knost and Curl Families by John and Nancy Knost.

**Attendance-**Daily Devotions-80, September 19-Sunday Worship Online-289, In Person-78, Sunday School-In Person-22, Teachers-7, Splash-4, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-25, Confirmation-5, Leaders-8.

**Daily Devotions-**Please join us, 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 October-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am.

**Elmwood Worship Service-**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 2:00pm. If you would like to help lead this wonderful service for the residents of Elmwood, please meet Rev. Becky by 1:45pm at Elmwood. All are welcome.

**Chancel Choir-**will be singing Sunday, October 10. Rehearsal begins at 9:00am in the Chapel on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join them. All are welcome.

**Women's Service Group-**is making their annual trip October 14<sup>th</sup> to VOSH in Pandora. We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:30am. We usually work on glasses from 9am until noon. And then start for home with a stop someplace for lunch. The trip is open to everyone, including men. It is always a good day of fellowship and doing volunteer work. If you have any old glasses now is a good time recycle them. If you are planning to attend contact Bev Plattner at 419-629-3694 or 419-236-1558.

**Widow and Widower Luncheon-**The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, October 13th. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

**Book Club-**We will not be hosting formal Book Clubs as we have in the past but still providing the books for you to read. If you'd like to get together with others who are reading the book to discuss, a sheet will be provided for you to put your name on when picking up the book, make contact with fellow readers and set a date to discuss. Octobers book is *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory. A story about a successful businessman having dinner with Jesus of Nazareth and the fascinating conversation that take place. Books will be available on the table outside the church office.

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-Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Diapers (size N, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6), Baby Wipes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, and Pet Food (dry). Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**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.

**Bulletin Mailing-**No longer want to receive the weekly bulletin mailing? Please let the church office know, 419-629-2502, <a href="mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net">stpaulnb@nktelco.net</a>.

**September/October 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!

**2022 Council Postitions-**2022 will be here before we know it and we are looking to fill several council positions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following: **Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Trustee (2 positions open)** Questions or willing to serve, please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt. Thank you!

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Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School in person & via Facebook Live
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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
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
-	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

### E-Giving @ St. Paul 3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org **Mobile App** – We are working on a new App-more information to come. **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.

Oen Table When: October 18, 2021 Who: Everyone Where: St. Paul Assembly Room Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Menu: Fried Chicken, Potato, Vegetable and Dessert

Carry-outs Available, Free Chair Massages Prepared and Served by: New Bremen Legion Auxiliary Post 241



EARLY BIRD SHOPPING

SAM-\$5 DONATION

SAM-12PM SHOPPING

\$1 DONATION

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

St. Paul Church in New Bremen 119 North Franklin Street New Bremen, OH 45869

call 419-629-2502 for booth rental and more information



# WARM WINTER COAT & GLOVES DRIVE



September 19 – October 30<sup>th</sup>

### SHARE THE WARMTH

Accepting Donations of <u>NEW & GENTLY USED</u> ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS & NEW WINTER WATER PROOF GLOVES. Drop off Coats in the barrels (located in Sanctuary or outside church office) or to the Agape Client Services Building from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday beginning September 19. If dropping off at AGAPE THRIFT STORE, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.



Sweet Potatoes/Yams Instant Box Potatoes & Stuffing Pasta Salad Mixes Salad Dressing Egg Noodles Gravy Broth Muffin/Dinner Roll Mixes Can Beef & Chicken Can Pumpkin Brownie & Cake Mixes Fruit Pie Filling Jello Pudding

Drop off items to the Agape Ministries Client Services Building Monday thru Friday during the hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm