

November 1, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

With thanksgiving in our hearts, we greet you in the name of Christ Jesus!

We are now halfway through our Stewardship season. This year's theme: Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor. Most of you should have received your stewardship packets at home. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial generosity for 2022. Stewardship Sunday is November 14.

Worship Team meets Sunday, November 7 after Sunday worship to make decisions about Christmas Eve. We will update you next week.

We will recognize our military veterans and active duty personnel during worship on Sunday, November 14. Please contact the church office this week so we can include your name in the bulletin.

We are seeking volunteers for:

1. Folk to cook and deliver meals on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for our youth. Mimi Messick is your contact person for this.
2. Folk to light the Advent candles during Advent worship services. Pastor Becky is your contact person.
3. Folk to reach out to our homebound folk by phone and notes. Again, Pastor Becky is your contact person.

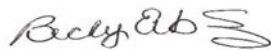
We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your generosity. We thank you for your love for God and neighbor. Blessings,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of November 1, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$9,588.00 (weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$21,610.00(ytd)
Income \$255,776.76 (ytd)
Expenses \$257,347.48 (ytd)
Balance **(\$1,570.72)** (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$44,784.50(ytd)
Endowment Income \$3,236.96(ytd)
Expenses \$49,229.00(ytd)
Balance \$72,436.83 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$20,624.43 (ytd)
Expenses \$15,091.09(ytd)
Balance \$11,783.54 (ytd)
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15
Bless Pantry Inc. \$25,121.00(ytd)
Bless Pantry Ex. \$13,337.92(ytd)
BP Balance \$19,664.23

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$374.00(weekly)
Income \$21,878.50 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)
Balance \$4,510.00(ytd)

Please remember the family of Bob Kettler in your prayers. Bob passed away October 21, 2021. Service to celebrate his life was held October 30, 2021.

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's compassion knows no limits.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Thursday	Acts 20:17-35	Paul says goodbye
Friday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Mark 13:1-10	The signs of the end of the age

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, . . . who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. Psalm 146:5 and 7a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of all creation, help us to find our trust in you, for you provide justice for the poor and food for the needy. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who give food to the hungry, we thank you for caring for us this day with the gift of this meal. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who created you and sustains you show kindness to you each and every day.



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NOVEMBER 7, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Blessed Are They



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:

- How do you show compassion to others?
- What gets in the way of showing compassion to those who are not like ourselves?
- God's power and grace knows no limits. How does knowing this strengthen you to be compassionate towards others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16.

The story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath in Sidon is remembered for the miracle of providing food for Elijah, the woman, and her son. However, the context of the miracle story is also important. In the previous chapter Ahab had taken Jezebel as his wife. She was from Sidon and a worshiper of the Canaanite god Baal. Ahab would also worship Baal in Israel. In contrast, Elijah goes to Sidon, the land of Baal worship and is received by a woman who was not a worshiper of the God of Israel. Elijah, the widow and her son are all blessed by the power of the God of Israel with food so that they would not die. God's power and compassion is demonstrated outside of Israel in the presence of a foreign god and a foreign people. God's power, love, and grace will know no limits. Where have you seen God's love and mercy happening in unexpected places?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to be open to the wideness of your love and mercy, even for people and places we would not expect. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

SERVICE

Serving others is at the center of our Christian life. It is a life of generosity. In Mark 12, the widow gave without the need to be noticed or praised for her generosity. How do you give generously to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The reading from Mark 12 tells about a widow who placed two small mite coins (all that she had) into the offering box. Giving to the needs of others is an act of compassion. Set up a Giving Box in your home. Place money into the box and/or notes that promise to do acts of kindness for others. Each time you contribute to the Giving Box, offer this prayer: **Dear God, as you have been generous and kind to me, help me to be generous and kind to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

**Jesus prepared a
meal for the
multitudes to
remind us that we
feed people not
because we believe
they deserve it, but
because they're
hungry.**

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

November 7, 2021

Sacrament of Holy Communion Stewardship Week Three

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Katie/Leif/Layla Dietrich

Cheyenne Olt

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Accompanist/Vocalist

Music Director/Bell Choir Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, F. The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

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CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship, Ruth C. Duck, Editor; The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

Leader: The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God.

People: God grant us wisdom to worship and live with reverence.

Leader: The wise delight to meditate on God's will and way.

People: They are like a tree, planted by a stream of water, that yields fruit in season; its leaf does not wither.

Unison: We come to worship God with reverence, hoping to send down the roots of righteousness. Glory be to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord verses 1 & 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, too often we forget your promises. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we want to tamper with the lives of those around us for our own ends. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve you more faithfully each day. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Your past is accepted. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands to you afresh each day.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

734

Glory Be to the Father

Musical score for 'Glory Be to the Father' in E-flat major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to 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, A - men.'

Chord progressions for the first system: Eb, Bb7sus/F, Bb7/F, Eb, Bb/D, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Eb6.

Chord progressions for the second system: Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7.

Chord progressions for the third system: Bb7, Eb, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Fm7/Ab, Eb/Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb.

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

GREATOREX
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TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US

Today marks the third week of our four-week stewardship series. For a few moments, I want to talk about how we spend our time—these precious seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. God has gifted us with the time we have on this earth. It is a gift freely given and, as Christians, we are challenged to use our time in a way that loves God and loves our neighbors.

Just like a check register keeps track of how much money we spend (or a spreadsheet—depending on how you record your finances), a time log can show us how we are spending our time: how we are using it well and, perhaps, ways we might be squandering this precious gift. But let me say this: prayer, silence, meditation, walks—anything you add to your day to care for your spirit is time VERY well spent. Loving God and loving neighbors includes how we care for ourselves.

In your bulletin, you will find a time log. If you live alone, it can be your personal time log. If you live with others in your home, it can be a time log about how you, as a family, spend your time. But truly, either method works.

Then, at the end of the week, take time to evaluate your time spent. Then, in prayer, offer your time and your life to the Holy One who loves you forever and ever. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Communioning Together!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Julia Paul, Susan (Topp) Wicker, Becky Quellhorst, Sue Kettler, Kohneita Lear, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Scott Kuenning, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

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

Let us pray. Holy God, we pray for this modern world in which faith comes hard, where people find it difficult to raise their eyes above the material things that are so necessary for life. We pray for those who find it hard to believe because they have too many things, and for those who find it hard because they haven't enough. SILENCE

We pray for those who have more to eat than they need and for those who are dying from lack of food. Challenge us, O God, to feed our neighbors who are hungry. SILENCE

We pray for parents who, because of their poverty and lack of concern on the part of others, must watch their children die. Move us, O God, to be part of the solution to eliminate poverty so that no child must go to bed hungry or die from basic nourishment. SILENCE

We pray for those who suffer from disease, from confusion and guilt, from depression and fear. Remind us again and again, O God, that so many people around us suffer in silence. Open our eyes that we might see their suffering and, in response, offer real hope. SILENCE

We pray for those who are lonely, for whom life is robbed of its beauty and hope. Prod us, O God, to befriend those who are alone. Remind us to love all your children—including our enemies that all might experience your transformational love and grace. SILENCE

We pray this day for ourselves—for we stumble and fall more often than we would like to admit. We let our prejudices get the best of us. We harden our hearts against others. Offer us your soothing balm. Melt our hardened hearts. Teach us to reach out to those whose lives are vastly different from our own. SILENCE

We offer to you thanksgiving and praise for your presence in our lives as individuals and our lives as this particular Body of Christ. Continue to pour your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed once again by the gentleness of your wind. SILENCE.

We pray all of this with the prayer Jesus taught us... **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.**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

(The Message)

Jesus said, "To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When

someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

³¹⁻³⁴ “Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that’s charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

“I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don’t condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you’ll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”

RESPONSE

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

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

MEDITATION

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Once upon a time, there was a man who took great pride in his automobile. He performed all the routine maintenance on schedule and kept the car clean inside and out. When he could afford to do so, he began to trade cars every couple of years so he always had a relatively new vehicle. He also traded up, getting a larger, and more luxurious car each time. Then he began to trade cars every year so that he would always have a current model. Eventually, he got to the point where he would buy a new car, drive it home, and leave it in the garage. He refused to use it

because he did not want to put any miles on it or run the risk of it getting scratched. So, his new car just sat—never used, but looking pretty.

Just like the car that sat in the garage—beautiful, luxurious, but never used Jesus commanded his listeners (as he commands each of us) not to let our faith become something that looks good, but is empty inside. As Christians living in the United States, it might be easier to wear our faith as a sign of status rather than a badge of servanthood. Are we attending the right church? Do we wear the right clothes? Do we serve on the best committees and boards?

In his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus urges us, challenges us, and commands us to grow in our faith, to share our faith, and to offer mercy, forgiveness and love. Jesus beckons us to take our faith out of the garage, start up the motor, and fly down the highway of life—putting our trust in God that no matter what—God holds our life in his hands.

In the first part of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain from last week, we **might** have felt pushed out of the circle of Jesus' embrace—especially since Jesus' focused on the poor and needy rather than we who are more affluent. As I said last Sunday, the Beatitudes, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke are much, much more difficult to swallow for people who have all that we need and more. We tend to prefer the Beatitudes as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew—where blessedness is about poverty of spirit rather than just plain poverty.

In today's reading, the Sermon on the Plain has pivoted. What is Jesus saying now?

This is what Jesus says to his disciples (and that includes us): No matter whether we live in poverty, affluence or somewhere in between, Jesus offers to each of us tangible, real ways to live as his followers. We, who have been richly blessed by the world's standards, are challenged to extravagantly share God's love AND extravagantly share our lives with others. Yet, here we go again: what Jesus asks of us is hard—really hard.

Jesus tells us to love enemies. We are commanded to turn the other cheek—to set aside revenge and retaliation. We are challenged to forgive and forgive and forgive some more. We are commanded to set aside our judgmental ways—to accept ALL people regardless of race, gender, politics, religion or sexuality. We are to care for one another—all the one

another's around us, even if we MIGHT prefer to pick and choose who we love, who we minister to, who we feel is worthy of our time.

Using Eugene Peterson's rendering of today's scripture lesson, we hear the words of Jesus telling us, commanding us, instructing us to make generosity and giving a way of life. Stewardship, my dear ones, is not only about the money you place in the offering plate. Stewardship is also about how you spend your time, your talents, your skills AND your financial resources.

When we live with a generosity mindset rather than a scarcity mindset, we are more willing to stop mothballing our stuff and start giving it away, putting it to good use to make a difference in the lives of others.

But let's be honest: shifting from scarcity to generosity takes hard work and lots of practice. We have been conditioned in our nation to shut our doors to those who are different from us and to hold tightly to our stuff. We are instinctively afraid that if we are generous, we will be taken advantage of or we might lose the things that give us both comfort AND serve as sentimental reminders of people in our past.

Stewardship and generosity should be something we do in response to God's love for us. Stewardship and generosity must be something we do as followers of Jesus as we love God and love our neighbors. I am reminded of my friend, Gib Langdon, who had fallen away from life in the church and his faith journey for many years. When he came back to church, he was asked to serve on the Stewardship Team. Until that point, Gib saw financial giving on Sunday as a minor part of his life—toss in a few dollars that he had in his wallet. Once he became immersed in the joy of giving generously, Gib changed his tune. He became, what he called, a “born again giver”—someone who offered his best to God through the missions and ministries of the church out of gratitude and joy.

Next Sunday, you will be asked to pledge a dollar amount to St. Paul Church for 2022. Yes—the money you pledge keeps the heat on, pays your staff, provides music and curriculum, pastoral care and meals. That is all true. However, I also encourage you to stretch your imagination as you prepare to make a financial pledge. I challenge you write a number on your pledge card that comes out of joy, not out of fear. I ask you to challenge yourself to become a born again giver, a person of extravagant generosity.

Your financial gifts for 2022 will keep our doors and our hearts open. Your financial gifts for 2022 will broaden our wide welcome. Your financial gifts will help us continue our ministry to the least and the lost. Your financial gifts given in love, will also change **your** life from one of fear to one of joy. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Seek Ye First
Seek Ye First

349

Descant

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line, a guitar chord line, and a bass line. The first system is a descant. The second system contains the first two verses of the hymn. The third system contains the final two verses. The lyrics are: Verse 1: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and seek its right-eous-ness, find, and all these things shall be added un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!' Verse 2: 'Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!'

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: There is a difference between planning and preparation. We cannot plan the future that God holds, but we can prepare for each day with acts of generosity. Generosity helps us to forgive and to heal; it helps us to make peace in the world; it helps to bring justice and mercy to those in need. Our financial gifts we give are one way we prepare for God's coming into the world in the most unexpected ways. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The lyrics are: '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.'

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We celebrate, Holy One, that you accept the gifts we give out of generosity and joy. Take these offerings as symbols of our faith and our trust in you. Move us to see beyond our walls and our neighborhoods to seek Jesus in all we encounter. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION: Today, we gather for the sacrament of Holy Communion to remember the One who has gone before us: Christ Jesus who lived, died and rose again that we might know life abundant for all eternity. Today, as we share the Lord's Supper, we are called to remember Christ Jesus, to honor him and love him beyond measure. Let us pray.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you have created and redeemed us, and through the presence of your Holy Spirit you sustain us in daily life.

People: Now let this same Spirit descend upon these gifts that in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of this cup we may know the living presence of Jesus who gave his body and blood for all.

Leader: May your Spirit fill us with a longing for a deeper unity in Christ's body, the church, and with commitment to greater service in Christ's name in the world.

People: Give us an unshakable hope in the holy kingdom which is to come. For we pray through Jesus Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it saying, this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, Jesus lifted the cup saying, this is the cup of the new covenant. My blood poured out for you and for many.

The gifts of God for the people of God. All things are now ready.

SHARING THE GIFTS

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

Leader: The blood of Christ, shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison): **We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at the table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

345 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*

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 more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION: Now may the God of peace, who comes to us in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of sheep, equip you with everything good, that you may do what is pleasing in God's sight. Go in peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Gladys Gruebmeier by Janet and Bob Eilerman Family.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-45, October 24-Sunday Worship Online-274, In Person-78, Sunday School-In Person-19, Teachers-6, Splash & Jr/Sr High Youth Group-18, Confirmation-6, Leaders-10.

Sundays in November-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person at 9:00am.

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.

Women's Service Group-will go to the Do Good Restaurant for lunch on November 11. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10:45 and ride together to Osgood. Following lunch, we will tour the restaurant and hear about the origin of the restaurant. There will be a brief meeting before returning to New Bremen. Please let Bev Plattner know by November 8th if you plan to attend. Guests are welcome to join us.

Veteran's Recognition November 14- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship service November 14. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name.

Stewardship 2021-Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor

Culminates November 14. Our worship services will focus on this year's theme, Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor.

November Monthly Mission-Washington UCC Children's Christmas Gifts: A Christmas tree can be found in the Narthex of the sanctuary that has tags on. We ask that if you wish, please take a tag or two and shop for a child. **Please return the unwrapped gifts and the tag and place them under the tree by Sunday, November 28th.** You may also make a financial donation by this date by marking monthly mission on your giving envelope or with "Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger" on the envelope. Thank you for your generous giving.

2022 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you. Price is \$30.00.

Advent Candle Lighting-Would your family or group of friends like to light Advent candles this season? We need volunteers for:

Sunday, December 5

Sunday, December 12

Sunday, December 19

Christmas Eve at 11:00pm

Please contact Rev. Becky to volunteer.

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, Kleenex, Paper Plates, Napkins, Dish Soap, Storage Bags, Garbage Bags, Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Shampoo, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant (men's & women's), Feminine Hygiene Products, Bandages, Cotton Balls and Q-Tips. 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.

November/December 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 Positions-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!

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.

Calendar-Week of November 7, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School in person
	9:00am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Worship Team
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
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
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash (4 th & 5 th grade)
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation
	10:45am	Women's Service Group
		Do Good Restaurant
	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

Christmas Market at St. Paul UCC New Bremen

Date: Saturday, November 20th, 2021

Time: 9 am - 2 pm

***\$1 admission at the doors**

(Entrance West Door of Education Building-Herman Street)

Join us for a unique shopping experience featuring art and creations from local craftspeople, live Christmas music, photos with Santa, a food truck, and more!

Food and Drink:

Ranger Concessions: breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, fresh cut fries, coffee, soda, and water.

** Parked outside the market on Herman St.*

New Bremen Coffee Co. - fresh brewed coffee and hot chocolate

Shopping: Kat's Macs, Holy Smokes and BBQ, Sara Paper, Steinke's Wood Carved Products, Mama's Goat Milk Soaps, Aunt Anne's House, G2 Designs, Oak & Ash, Saylor Creations, Grandma B Originals +, Saige & Co., The Grumpy Goat Experiment, Lily & Violet, Topp's Candy, Willyums Cupcakes, Megan's Knitting, Craftsy Den, The Turkey Merchantile, G&E Stitch Shop, Wood Signs and Designs, To the Moon Soaps & Crafty Consignment, Heathers, Larry Kuhn (handmade OSU stepping stones), Expression of Grace Studio, Unique Charming Purse

Make and Take Items:

Oak & Ash - Wood burning home goods

Cilla's Ceramics - Ready to paint Ornaments

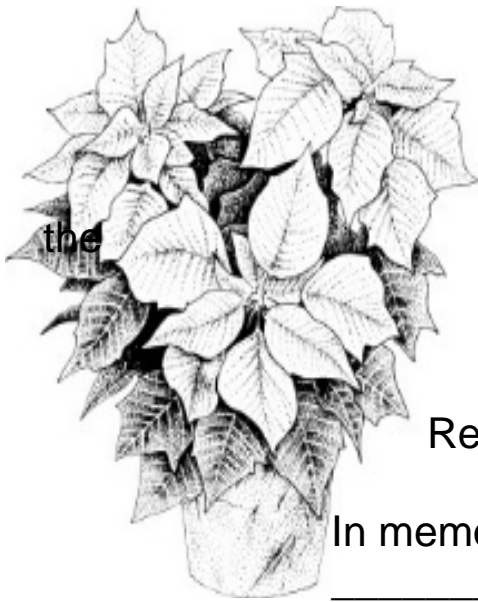
*** Bake Sale:** proceeds benefit the Blessing Pantry at St. Paul

*** Photos with Santa by AMG Photography**

*** Musical Guests (on stage during the market):**

Matt Ranly, Hannah Ranly, 4 Jacks, Connie O'Neill

*** Gift Wrapping:** provided by Girl Scout Troop 21132



It is time to place your orders for the poinsettia plants that grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The poinsettias are 6½-inch wrapped in foil with a drip pan. We are offering choice of Red or White and the cost per plant will be \$11.00.

Poinsettia color choice and quantity:

Red _____ Qty White _____ Qty

In memory of _____

A gift for _____

By _____

I wish to contribute \$_____ to the Christmas Decorating Fund.

Please place payment along with the order form in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

Please have poinsettia order in by November 24.

Every year at this time we also ask for and accept donations to the Christmas Decorating Fund. This money will be used toward decorations for the Church and Educational Building.

Please include payment with this order form.

Thank you for helping make our sanctuary even more beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



When: November 15, 2021

Who: Everyone

Where: St. Paul Assembly Room

Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Menu: Turkey, Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert

Carry-outs Available, Free Chair Massages

Prepared and Served by: New Bremen New Knoxville Rotary Club