

November 8, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus who calls us to Love God & Love Neighbor!

Enclosed in this week's worship packet is Pastor Becky's sermon from yesterday. In light of all the tragedies in our local area, Becky rewrote the sermon.

This coming Sunday, November 14 will be full. We will recognize our military veterans and active duty personnel during worship. We will offer our financial pledges for 2022 to God in worship. Following worship, the junior and senior high youth groups will host a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Tip of the Month when they visit Do Good Restaurant in December.

On Sunday, November 28, we will honor the ministry of Associate Pastor Dee Schroer. While she has resigned as our pastor, Dee will still worship amongst us as her health allows. The Rev. Daniel Busch, Northwest Ohio Association Minister, will preach that Sunday. The Church Council will host a reception for Dee following worship.

Worship Team met yesterday to make decisions about Christmas Eve. We will offer a Christmas Eve Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with music, scriptures and communion. We will also offer an in-person 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service. This service will be live-streamed, but not prerecorded.

Currently, we only need an Advent Candle Lighting family or individual for Sunday, December 19. Please see Pastor Becky if you would like to volunteer.

Worship Team also decided to wait until at least September 2022 to revive the Saturday evening worship. Pastor Becky and the staff are stretched too thinly at this point to add another service. Thank you for your understanding.

With snow flurries expected by the end of the week, we are seeking a volunteer or volunteers willing to clear sidewalks in the mornings and before evening programs at church. Please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkrafft if you are willing and able.

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 Hanenkrafft  
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

### Financial Information as of November 8, 2021

#### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$8,864.69 (weekly)  
Endowment Transfers \$22,441.00(ytd)  
Income \$265,474.59 (ytd)  
Expenses \$260,975.12 (ytd)  
Balance \$4,499.47 (ytd)

#### Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37  
Income \$45,289.50(ytd)  
Endowment Income \$3,236.96(ytd)  
Expenses \$49,229.00(ytd)  
Balance \$72,941.83 (ytd)

#### Local Aid

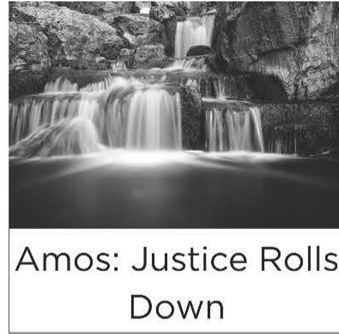
Beg. Balance \$6,250.20  
Income \$20,854.43 (ytd)  
Expenses \$16,372.98(ytd)  
Balance \$10,731.65 (ytd)  
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15  
Bless Pantry Inc. \$25,226.00(ytd)  
Bless Pantry Ex. \$13,635.42(ytd)  
BP Balance \$19,471.73

#### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$1,033.00(weekly)  
Income \$22,911.50 (ytd)

#### Project of the Year

Income \$50.00(weekly)  
Balance \$4,560.00(ytd)



November 14, 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 justice, you desire for us to cultivate compassion and work toward justice. Teach us to love as you love. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. (Amos 5:24)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**God didn't want Israel's worship rituals and sacrifices. God wanted real change—justice that rolls down like waters, and a stream of righteousness.**



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

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

**Where do you see the greatest inequities in your community?**

**What can you do to make your world more just?**

**How does one person become a crowd, a crowd become a movement, movement become change?**

**For the littles: Who needs your help?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God wash you with a spirit of justice. Amen.**



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

**Go to [Kickstarter.com](https://www.kickstarter.com). Find and fund a project that works for justice.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](https://www.clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24, Amos: Justice Rolls Down

Monday, Amos 3:1-8, Israel's Guilt and Punishment

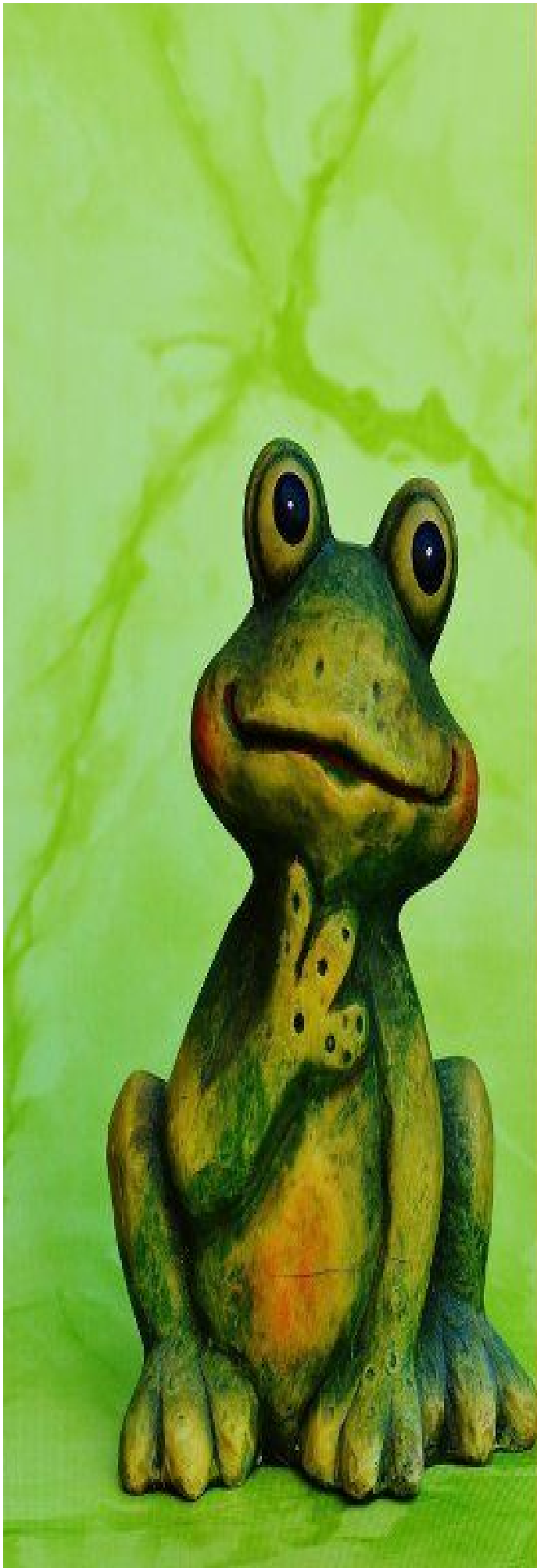
Tuesday, Amos 5:18-20, The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

Wednesday, Amos 6:1-8, Complacent Self-Indulgent Punished

Thursday, Amos 6:9-14, Complacent Self-Indulgent Punished

Friday, Amos 7:1-9, Locusts, Fire, and a Plumb Line

Saturday, Amos 9:22-25, The Restoration of David's Kingdom



## Fully Rely On God

**F**ully Rely On God.  
That is what I'm doing.  
He has all the answers.  
He is who I'm choosing.

**F**orgetting mistakes I've made.  
**R**efreshing my faith within.  
**O**pening my mind to direction;  
**G**uidance given by Him.

**F**orging on ahead.  
**R**enewing hope and faith.  
**O**pen to His blessings.  
**G**od will make a way.

His faithfulness, He's proven.  
His ways, they are not flawed.  
I will lean on Jesus. I'll

**F**ully Rely On God.

Lucinda Berry Hill,  
author of "Coffee with Jesus"  
& "A Second Cup with Jesus"

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## WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

### ARMY

Tim Bowers  
Dennis Bushman  
Don Dammeyer  
Dennis Dicke  
Melvin Fledderjohann  
Bob Fontanini  
Tina Fontanini  
Dennis Hainline  
Brenda Haynes  
Dean Heitkamp  
Dick Howell  
Dick Hudson  
John Knost  
Jim Moeller (Army Air Corps)  
Robert Paul  
Kris Poppe  
Dale Quellhorst  
Lowell Quellhorst  
Stan Quellhorst  
Dale Schaefer  
Don Scheer  
Lloyd Schroer  
Jim Tontrup  
Ron Tontrup  
Bill Tostrick

### ARMY

Richard Watcke  
George Weiss

### MARINES

Adam Leshner

### AIR FORCE

Tom Brandewie (National Guard)  
Roland Dicke  
Matt Longfellow

### NAVY

Genevieve Conradi  
Larry Kuhn  
Jacob Wagner

### NATIONAL GUARD

John Gilberg (Army)  
Dale Heitkamp (Army)

### ACTIVE DUTY

Cole Hemmelgarn (Navy)  
Levi Leshner (National Guard)  
Max Messick (Coast Guard)  
Zachery Nelson (Marines)  
Lucas Poppe (Army)  
Alan Topp (Navy)  
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Rev. Becky Strang-Senior Pastor

Pastor Dee Schroer-Associate Pastor

Roland Dicke-Council President

### **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 14, 2021 Veteran's Recognition Stewardship Sunday**

#### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Lori Rindler

Cheyenne Olt

Tim Olt

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Accompanist/Organist

Chancel Choir Director

Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We Remember All Those: A Prayer for Veterans Day***

One: Let us pray. Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

One: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

**People: We ask your blessing.**

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

# WELCOME SONG

## No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." There are two boxed sections at the end of the fourth staff: "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

Chords: F, Dm, Gm<sup>7</sup>, C, F, F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, F, Dm, G<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, F, Dm, Gm<sup>7</sup>, C, F, F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, F, Dm, Gm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, C, F, F.

Lyrics: 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.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

**People:** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alones decides which gift each person should have.

**All: Let us worship God!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

verses 1 & 4

# My Country, 'Tis of Thee

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F  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  C F Dm  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 Dm

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

$\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  F C F C7

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
 sweet free-dom's song: let mor - tal tongues a - wake, let all that  
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free-dom's

C7  $\frac{F}{C}$  C F  $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Bb  $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

pil - grims' pride, from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring!  
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King!



## INVOCATION (in unison)

We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your Word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name. Amen.

## HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

## TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US: Fully Rely On God

This is the last Sunday of our stewardship series: Called to Serve—Love God & Love Neighbor. The first week, families and individuals were given St. Paul aprons—as a reminder that we are Christians, followers of Jesus, not to be served, but to serve others.

The second week you received a polished stone—as a reminder that our rough edges are smoothed out and we are made beautiful NOT when we are isolated and self-serving, but when we rub against others by serving them, loving them, caring for them.

Last week you received a Time Chart. You were challenged to chart how you spend your time for a week, then evaluate how you use the precious time we have been gifted by God.

Today, on our last stewardship Sunday, you received a frog. Why? Because this cute critter's name tells us how to live: Fully Rely On God.

**FROG.** As you prayerfully consider how much you and your household will financially pledge to God through St. Paul Church in 2022, I remind you that the very best thing you can do is to Fully Rely On God—placing God at the center of your life AND seeking to serve Jesus by serving those who are hungry and hurting, those who are sick and solitary. God centers us for ministry—that we can serve Jesus: not on Sundays alone, but each and every day for the rest of our lives.

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Myles Steven Imwalle receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, November 14, 2021. Myles is the son of Brett and Michelle Imwalle. His sponsors are Kelly Faga and Brice Imwalle. Congratulations Myles.

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

Please remember the family of Andrew “Drew” Wray in your prayers. Drew passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Service to celebrate his life was held Monday, November 8, 2021.

Please remember the family of Ed Dicke Jr. in your prayers. Ed passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Service to celebrate his life are pending.

## PASTORAL PRAYER. SILENT PRAYER. THE LORD’S PRAYER.

Holy and life-giving God, we lift up to you today your church around the world: that its communities of faith may proclaim your good news and bring reconciliation and healing to this earth. May we be instruments of your hope to others. SILENCE

We lift up to you the diversity of the Body of Christ—Christians in our community, Christians in our country and Christians around the world. May each know the power of the living Christ and serve you with faithful discipleship. SILENCE

We lift up to you our country: that our leaders might govern wisely and with compassion. That we, as citizens, may act lovingly toward one another and for the common good. SILENCE

We pray for all families in all its forms. Be with children and their parents, grandparents and loved ones. May the ties that bind us together be strengthened by your grace and tenderness. We pray for the strengthening of our human relationships. SILENCE

We lift up in prayer those who are in trouble or danger: that regardless of circumstance they may find hope and release; that they may know they are not alone, but abide in you. We pray for those weighed down by life's many burdens. SILENCE

We pray today for all who are sick, those who are injured, those who are recuperating. We pray also for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Pour your comforting and healing Spirit upon each. SILENCE

O God, you know the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Take these yearnings and use them to work your perfect will in the life of the world. Shape our lives according to our prayers. 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.**

## CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 6:39-49 (The Message)

*Jesus quoted a proverb: "Can a blind man guide a blind man? Wouldn't they both end up in the ditch? An apprentice doesn't lecture the master. The point is to be careful who you follow as your teacher.*

*<sup>41-42</sup> "It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this I-know-better-than-you mentality again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your own part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.*

*<sup>43-45</sup> "You don't get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree.*

*You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.*

*<sup>46-47</sup> "Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.*

*<sup>48-49</sup> "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."*

## 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

On this fourth and final Stewardship Sunday, we have reached the heart of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Amidst his topsy-turvy words about smudges on faces, bad fruit, shaking foundations and floods, we begin to catch a glimpse of Jesus' vision of discipleship.

Service to God IS a radical change of life—it means welcoming the poor and refugees into our homes, refusing to pass judgment on others, expressing gratitude, sharing blessings, and building a firm foundation—a foundation that builds up the kingdom of God (or literally translated from the Greek—to allow God to rule our lives/to Fully Rely On God—that frog again.)

Luke's version of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain is masterful—it weaves image upon image of blessing and woes, poverty and abundance, love and hatred, acceptance and judgment, smudges and fruit that become a tapestry of discipleship. Following Jesus means more than dusting off our

Bibles. Following Jesus means living like him—knowing that our lives, our words, our actions, are the best witnesses to God we can possibly offer.

The Sermon on the Plain reminds me of the woven tapestry the Prayer Chain has been weaving for years. In my early years at St. Paul, the Prayer Chain folk met fairly regularly. During our time together, we would take scraps of fabric, sticks, feathers, paper, and wool—each symbolizing a prayer that we carried in our hearts. As we wove our tiny bits into the loom, we were struck by the beauty of the whole. No one piece of the material matches another. There are knots, frayed bits, holes, and lumps—but none of that matters.

What matters is that our tiny bits of prayer, our puny scraps of faith, our broken-and-tied-together remnants of our lives are woven with love. What matters is HOW we use the scraps of our lives, the abundance of our living, the blessings we have been given, the forgiveness we are offered, and the challenges of our days. What matters is what we do with what we have been given—how we share grace, spread peace, speak out against injustice, and make a real difference in the lives of those who have been pushed aside by society again and again and again.

When Jesus finished speaking on that warm sunny day, some people probably went home inspired. Others might have left everything and followed him. Still others probably dismissed his words as too harsh or too inconvenient.

We, too, have a choice to make today. Following Jesus IS difficult—choosing peace and forgiveness, acceptance and generosity is completely counter to our national culture. Yet, as followers of Jesus/as Christians—we are called out of our pews, our dining rooms and our kitchen tables to serve others with all we have. We are called to be generous and then generous some more. We are challenged to offer hope in these precarious times.

**Fully Relying On God, we can do this!!!! Amen.**

RESPONSIVE HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 D F#m G D G  
 1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m  
 right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D/A G/A A Em7/A7 D  
 add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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**OFFERING AND DEDICATING OUR 2022 PLEDGES TO GOD**

Once a year, St. Paul UCC members and friends make financial commitments to the mission and ministries of our congregation for the coming year. For the past four weeks, we have focused worship around our stewardship theme: Called to Serve—Loving God & Loving Neighbor.

If you are a guest with us today, don't be uncomfortable. This commitment service is something we do each year—reminding us that we are called to offer our whole lives to God.

If you are a member and do not wish to complete the pledge cards, we do not want you to feel pressured to do so. We do hope you will consider this, but it is a totally, voluntary process.

Journalist B.C. Forbes once said, “The be-all and end-all of life should not be to get rich, but to enrich the world.” We enrich the world through our joyful generosity of our time, our talents, our treasures. Generosity is not one aspect of life apart from the rest of life. Generosity is a way of living, not only a way of giving.

In your pews you will find pledge cards. I invite you to take a moment now to complete the information on the cards.

You will notice that the pledge cards are in three parts. One portion you keep for your records. On another portion you record your name. On the third portion the percentage of your income you prayerfully commit to give to the missions and ministries of St. Paul for 2022.

Each time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper—Holy Communion—we take in our hands a small piece of bread and a small cup with ordinary grape juice or wine. During those moments, these common elements symbolize the deepest meanings of our faith. During the next few minutes when we take an ordinary pencil and a small card, these symbolizing the high and holy commitment we make in response to the love God has given each of us.

Pope Francis once said: *Money has to serve, not to rule.* We are entrusted to care for all of God’s creation—and that includes our financial resources. Take a moment to complete your cards. Then bring your cards forward, placing your name card in one basket and your giving card in the second basket.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat. They represent our lives. They represent our dreams. The financial commitments we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us by you. They are offered in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become as the Body of Christ in this community.**

**May these gifts be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how**

you give to your creation. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week. May we see ourselves as part of this offering, that we ourselves might be living sacrifices to you. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *Christ, You Call us All to Service*

571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am/C D7 G

1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;  
 2 Teach us how to work to - geth - er, broth - ers, sis - ters, side by side,  
 3 Let us be a ser - vant peo - ple, re - con - cil - ing, end - ing strife,

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am/C D7 G

plant in us a deep com - mit - ment all your work and will to do.  
 e - qual part - ners in the strug - gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.  
 seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.

Em Dm C Bdim/D Am/E E Am D D/C G/B Em D/F# G A7 D

Fire a pas - sion for your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;  
 To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo - man, young or old;  
 Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am/C D7 G

help us heal the bro - ken - heart - ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.  
 help us use each skill and tal - ent your great pur - pose to un - fold.  
 send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.



BENEDICTION: Grace, mercy and peace be yours in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Go forth from this place loving God and loving neighbor that all might experience God's beloved and peaceable kingdom. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

### Pass the Love

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

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

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

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our— God.

Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7, F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C, Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Ralph and Richard Plattner by Bev Plattner.

**Attendance**-Daily Devotions-51, October 31-Sunday Worship Online-181, In Person-82, Sunday School-In Person-14, Teachers-7, Splash & Jr/Sr High Youth Group-13, Confirmation-5, Leaders-6.

**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.

**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.

**Celebration of Pastor Dee Schroer's Ministry**-As you know; Pastor Dee's health has been deeply compromised this past year. Therefore, she has tendered her resignation as our Associate Pastor effective December 1, 2021. On Sunday, November 28, we will celebrate Pastor Dee's ministry during the worship service. The Rev. Daniel Busch, Northwest Ohio Association Minister, will preach and lead the Liturgy for the Ending of an Authorized Ministry. This liturgy formally ends Dee serving as our Associate Pastor at St. Paul Church. Following worship, Church Council will host a reception. But Dee is not leaving us! She grew up at St. Paul and grew up at St. Paul United Church of Christ. As her health allows, Dee will worship with us and participate as a layperson amongst us. We encourage you to join us in worship on Sunday, November 28. If you are unable to attend, we invite you to send her a card of appreciation. Cards can be sent to St. Paul Church. Together, we will celebrate the gift Dee Schroer is to us!

**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 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- Diapers (size N, 1, 2, 4, 5) Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Shampoo, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags, Feminine Hygiene Products, Bandages, Q-Tips, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Cotton Balls, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, and Napkins. 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 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. Deacon, Trustee (2 positions open)** Questions or willing to serve, please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt. Thank you!

## **E-Giving @ St. Paul**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://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 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 14, 2021**

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School in person
	9:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Youth Group Cookie Sale
	11:30am	Mission Team
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
	4:00pm-6:00pm	Open Table Free Community Meal
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	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	Jr/Sr High Youth
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation w/Mentors
	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed
Saturday	9:00am-2:00pm	Christmas Market

# **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 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

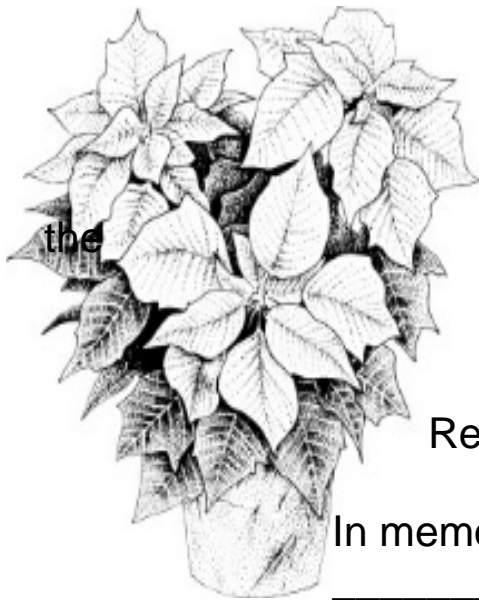
**\* Bake Sale:** proceeds benefit the Blessing Pantry at St. Paul

**\* 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