

## **St. Paul United Church of Christ**

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Matt Ranly- Council President

# **April Mailer**

**SAVE THE DATES**

## **YOUTH SPRING UPDATE**

**Sunday, April 21: Senior Recognition during 10:15 am worship. Please send a senior picture to the church office @ [stpaulnb@nktelco.net](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net)**

**Sunday, May 5: Last Day of Sunday School at 9:00 am.**

**Sunday, May 5: Student and Teacher Recognition during 10:15 am worship.**

## APRIL EVENTS

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** | Elmwood Assisted Living Worship at 2:00pm. All are welcome. Please arrive at Elmwood by 1:45pm.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** | Church Council reports are due to the office administrator by noon.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** | Men's Club – 8:00am at Speedway Lanes.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** | Worship with Holy Communion at 5:00pm in the chapel.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** | Worship with Holy Communion at 10:15am in the sanctuary.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** | St. Paul UCC campus will be closed all day (solar eclipse day).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** | Church Council Meeting at 7:00pm in the assembly room.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** | Women's Service Group at 11:00am

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** | Senior Recognition during 10:15am worship.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** | Worship Team meeting following worship.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** | Deadline for May monthly mailer submissions. Email your submissions to the church office at [stpaulnb@nktelco.net](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net).

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** | UCC Northwest Ohio Association Annual Meeting in Sandusky.

## Stay Connected

**Devotional Email** - If you would like to receive the weekly devotional email, please email [stpaulnb@nktelco.net](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net) to let the church office know.

**Prayer & Visitation Requests** - If you or a close family member is in need of prayers or homebound/in assisted living and would like to be visited, please let us know by calling the church office at 419-629-2502 or contacting Jeff Paul, our Lay Minister of Visitation, at [jrpaul@nktelco.net](mailto:jrpaul@nktelco.net) or 419-305-0584.

**Join the Prayer Chain** - Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at [jrpaul@nktelco.net](mailto:jrpaul@nktelco.net) or 419-305-0584 to be included in the prayer chain list. The St. Paul UCC Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email.



*“Little drops of water make the mighty ocean.” ~ Julia Carney*

## Leadership and Community

**2024 Council Candidates**— We are looking for a council candidate to fill the Jr. Deacon position. If you feel God is laying this on your heart or you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to the church office or Matt Ranly.

**The Women’s Service Group has received a grant for \$500** from the Heartland Conference to assist in the making of 100 school bag kits for Church World Service. The bags include a ruler, eraser, pencils, scissors, crayons, pencil sharpener, notebooks, and articles needed for children to learn. Church World Service

distributes them to areas of need in our world. Natural disasters and conflicts happen often, and the need is great.

We are a small group and need help from our congregation in the making of these bags. Material is being supplied along with a very simple pattern. If interested, please contact Joyce Gilberg at 419-629-2947 or Sally Dicke at 419-629-2720.

**Women's Service Group Outing-** The Women's Service Group will meet at the church parking lot on April 11th at 11:00 am to car pool for a trip to Sidney. We will eat at The Bridge in Sidney and proceed to the Shelby County Animal Shelter for a 1 pm tour of the shelter. Members should contact Bev Plattner at 419-629-3694 or 419-236-1558 for reservations before April 8th. Any other interested church members or other guests are invited to join us. Please contact Bev if you're interested.

**Blessing Pantry Hours:** Tuesdays- 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays- 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry is closed Mondays and Fridays. All donations are welcome. Donations can be placed inside the metal containers located outside the East and North doors of the educational building.

### **Blessing Pantry Updates**

On Sat. March 9, the New Knoxville/New Bremen Cub Scouts held their annual "Scouting for Food" event with all donations given to the Blessing Pantry. The boys gathered food items left on the porches of New Knoxville and New Bremen residents. After many trips through the towns, the donations were brought to the church auditorium. The scouts helped the pantry volunteers sort and box the items. This was a huge donation to the pantry. The boys were then given a tour of the pantry to see how their efforts will help feed those in need.



*“The Greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” ~ Coretta Scott King*



In the last four months the pantry has been the recipient of many large donations. The “Two Month Food Drive” hosted by Gel's IGA, in St. Henry, was abundant. Other large donations came from Osgood Bank, Opus Packaging, Holy Redeemer Church, Capabilities, Brookside Labs, Minster YMCA, New Bremen FFA,

New Bremen Coffee Shop, Scott Niekamp, Raterman Insurance, Procter & Gamble, Agape, Call Ministries, John Voress, and Boyd Dance Studio. Many other donations arrived anonymously. Since having been this blessed with all the generous donations, we have had to spend very little money shopping as the pantry is very well stocked. **Our many thanks go out to all who donated and communities that have shared in this mission.**

We also cannot forget to thank the wonderful group of volunteers that give of their time and talents to make the pantry such a success. Recently many more folks have joined the group of volunteers, and we are very grateful for them. **If you would like to be a blessing pantry volunteer, please know that you will be welcomed. Please contact the church office at 419-628-2502 to inquire about becoming a volunteer.**

### [Employment Opportunities](#)

**St. Paul UCC NB Job Openings** - The following positions are available: Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, ATTN: Matt Ranly, Council President.

**St. Paul UCC, St. Marys Job Opening** - St. Paul UCC, St. Marys, is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant (30-35 hours per week). Contact the church office for the job description and contact information.

## Supporting Our Mission

**Office Volunteers Needed-** The church office is looking for volunteers to be in the office to answer the phone during posted office hours of Monday-Wednesday from 9:00am-12:00pm. If you are interested, please contact the office at 419-629-2502.

**Time & Talent** - Share your gifts with our church family. There are many committees and volunteer opportunities from serving on the mission team to baking cookies, helping with luncheons or worship services, and everything in between. For more information, contact the church office at (419) 629-2502 or [stpaulnb@nktelco.net](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net).

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”  
~ Helen Keller*

**Giving Envelopes** - Monetary donations are always welcome and much needed to continue the mission of St. Paul UCC New Bremen.

### Ways to Give:

***In Person*** – Giving envelopes and offering plates are available on the tables in the chapel and sanctuary.

***By Mail*** – Checks can be mailed to: **St. Paul UCC**  
**P.O. Box 6**  
**New Bremen, OH 45869**

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

***Text*** – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048 (***Text instructions are listed on the second to the last page of this mailer and in the Sunday bulletins.***)

## **April Monthly Mission - Paper for Pentecost!**

Paper for Pentecost is the act of giving paper items of all kinds. Isn't it amazing how many paper products our church uses throughout each day? From paper towels, note pads, Kleenex, envelopes, and stamps; the list goes on. This month let's give back to our church and the blessing pantry, which continually gives to so many people in need. Whether it be a monetary donation or paper products which are useful to our church and Blessing Pantry, let's surround the altar with many paper blessings. Whatever your heart wants to donate is greatly appreciated. Donations will be received this month and into May. We will receive them and bless them during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much, Mission Team

### Church Needs:

Copy paper (8 1/2 x 11), stamps, white envelopes (No. 10; 4 1/8 x 9 1/2), sticky notes, brown mailing envelopes (6 x 9), paper towels, Kleenex, paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, disposable (paper) coffee cups, construction paper for Sunday School.

### Blessing Pantry needs:

Toilet paper (economy/store brand), paper towels, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. We do NOT need any feminine hygiene products. Proctor & Gamble made a large donation of those.

**A Message from the St. Paul Trustees-** The church and education buildings received new locks on Thursday, March 21st. The old keys no longer work. Most of you have already reached out and have a pin number for the new door system on the west and east education doors. If you have not reached out and need access, please contact Lindsay Quellhorst 937-689-0657 or the church office 419-629-2502. Thank you, St. Paul Trustees

## **March Church Council Meeting Minutes**

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Ranly in attendance were Pastor Ken, Mike Holdren, June Oaks, John Mohrman, Tim Nevels, Tom Brandewie, Marlene Ahlers, Janet Eilerman, Terri Nevels, Lindsay Quellhorst, Gavin Quellhorst, and Mimi Messick.

**Opening Scripture and Prayer was given by Pastor Ken.**

### **Announcements:**

Monica Wiess thank you.

### **New Business:**

1. NWOA Annual Meeting: April 27 -we can send 4 people to represent St. Paul
2. Garden Project Leader: looking to fill this
3. Confirmand pictures taken by Jeff Paul
  - 5x7 for each confirmand will be paid for by the church
  - 8x10 for church display will also be paid for by church

### **Old Business:**

1. Trustees Update:
  - keypads installed, locks will be changes; look for a message regarding lock change & PIN pad activation
  - Project of the Year: Parsonage Phase 2 kitchen flooring, front room lighting, laundry room door, and other incidentals
2. Music Director position is still open
3. Leaded window panels in parsonage update: a shelf will be built to display these

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lindsay Quellhorst, and seconded by Tom Brandewie, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was reviewed with a motion to accept by Tom Brandewie, and Lindsay Quellhorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Team Reports**

**Discipleship:** no report

**Finance:** no report

**Budget:** no report

**Stewardship:** Janet Eilerman spoke to the confirmands and explained offering

## **Deacon's Report:**

The months of February and March have been busy for the ushers at St. Paul UCC. In February, there were four Sunday services, with one of those being the annual Congregational Meeting, and the Ash Wednesday service which all required three ushers for each service. For the Congregational Meeting, the ushers passed out the ballots, collected the ballots and counted the ballots. There have been two Saturday evening services, one each in February and March. The senior deacon has taken the responsibility of serving and operating the monitors for the Saturday services, until more ushers are trained. In March, there are five Sundays with each service requiring three ushers. Easter is March 31st, with two services, 7 AM and 10:15 AM, plus Maundy Thursday on Thursday, March 28, and Good Friday, on Friday, March 29th. Each service will require three ushers. An usher schedule has been made out for the entire year, with each of the extra holiday services having a volunteer signup sheet, all located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

For the season of Lent, we have stopped offering coffee and treats, and only supply water for our parishioners. We will resume with coffee and treats on April 7th, 2024, because there is a breakfast offered between the Easter Services, located in the assembly room.

We are always looking for more ushers to help out with our church services. We are still looking for a Junior Deacon, so if you feel that you are this person, please contact June Oaks, Matt Ranly or the church office. Thank you, report submitted by June Oaks, Senior Deacon.

**Elder's Report:** offered two types of bread at March communion  
**Blessing Pantry:** 31 visits, 101 individuals

**Trustees Report:** Lindsay Quellhorst

1. We met with Lock Keypers out of St. Marys and went over all the doors that will get new locks. He will start as soon as we let him know we are ready. Waiting for the other electronic door system to be installed.

a. Someone brought up a good point; if our goal is to not have many keys out there and most will get a pin # to enter, whoever unlocks the church doors on Sunday will need a key.

Suggestions on where to keep the key or do we give that person a key?

2. All pins have been entered into the system that I have. I am sure I am missing some groups that use the church. Please let me know if you can think of anyone. To enter your pin to get into the building you will need to type it in this way: *\*pin, \*pin, then #*  
*example: \*1234\*1234#*

3. Several of us met at the parsonage to discuss updates. We came up with a list of things we thought were most important (floors, lighting, laundry door).

4. Someone mentioned that there is not a railing on the east side of the church. We may need to add one to be more accessible.  
Lindsay Quellhorst, Tim Nevels, Tom Brandewie-Trustees

### **Worship Team: June Oaks**

Attendees: Rev. Ken Locke, Diane Bushman, Bev Plattner, John Mohrman, Gary Wehmeyer,

Abby Bushman, June Oaks, Matt Ranly, Mike Holdren, Myra Hanenkratt, Jeff Paul. Patty Ruckman, Lisa Weigandt

Constructive review of the Ash Wednesday Service. Generally, it went well. Certainly, the novelty was appreciated. Some feedback was, the act of actually burning our sins was helpful. Next time we need to possibly spread out the chairs more, have something non-flammable into which to put our flaming paper, turn off the lights After service has started, have a few fire-extinguishers ready, investigate ways to make the light dimmer but still light enough to read the bulletin.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

On Palm Sunday, the ushers will ensure palms are handed out. Confirmands, teachers & mentors will process in during the opening hymn and be seated near the front. Sanctuary Custodian will ensure the kneeler is in place. I will speak to Shelly about it.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Maundy Thursday will have 3 washing stations and 3 communion stations. Dianne Gilberg will be the champion in arranging this service. Diane will communicate with the communion preparers (elders) that we will need 3 stations, 6 people total? The Iona prayer used is from the ECC Worship Sunday March 15, 2015- Lent 4 Iona Community liturgy of prayers ... web search ecc-bachum.de.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Lisa Weigandt and Jeff Paul will ask the confirmands to be the readers/candle snuffers/stuff removers on Good Friday. If some of the confirmands will not be there, they will find alternates. Items will be removed from the chancel in the following order: Metal cross, Bible and Bible stand, 2 candle sticks, lectern parament, pulpit parament, communion table parament. Someone will need to make sure that the plastic covering and extra crosses are removed from the table before the service starts.

## EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday – Lisa Weigandt will be responsible for wrangling those bringing the items back into the sanctuary during the opening hymn. Items for the chancel will be taken into the sanctuary in the reverse order of Good Friday.

Reverse Order: Communion table parament, pulpit parament, lectern parament, 2 candle sticks, Bible and Bible stand, Metal Cross.

Things to think about: someone will need to help put the plastic back on the communion table. Perhaps the liturgist can be standing by. Flame needs to be available since the candles may well blow out. Be sure the people placing paraments on the lectern and pulpit know how they are to be attached. Someone will need to be ready to bring up the lights Jeff Paul will do the same thing for the 10:15 service.

Easter Sunday Brunch will run from 8:15 - 9:45. Free-will offering. Profits go to the Blessing Pantry.

Next Worship Team Meeting: April 21, 2024, 11:30AM

Devotions and Prayer: June Oaks

## **Mission Team:**

The St. Paul UCC mission team met on March 3, 2024. Those in attendance were John Gilberg, Rev. Ken Locke and June Oaks. A

devotion was read by June Oaks. The team discussed the topics for the next several months of mission projects. One Great Hour of Sharing is in March. There will be a Pentecost paper drive in April to collect paper products and office supplies that our church uses for day to day operations, throughout our facility. Some suggestions for donations are, but not limited to these: Reams of paper for the computer, stamps, envelopes, craft supplies for the Sunday School and Serendipity Preschool, such as: construction paper, coloring books, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, pencils, pens, colored pencils, pipe cleaners, google eyes, feathers, felt, craft sticks (popsicle sticks,) cotton balls, etc. Paper goods that could be used throughout our building and in The Blessing Pantry, such as: paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, boxes of facial tissues, hand/face wipes, Clorox wipes, cleaning supplies, etc. The list goes on and on! Monetary donations are ALWAYS welcomed! As these products are donated, we will be stacking them in front of the altar in the sanctuary! Then on Pentecost, which is May 19, the donations will be blessed.

The mission project for May is Crossroads in Fort Wayne, and for the month of June is New Bremen Backpacks, which will only be monetary donations. Thank you for supporting our St. Paul UCC missions.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer. The next Mission Team meeting will be held on June 9, 2024, at 11:30 in the assembly room. If you would like to come to the meeting to see what the Mission Team is all about, please join us, all are welcome!

Mission Team minutes submitted by June Oaks.

## **Staff Reports:**

### **Maintenance Report: John Mohrman**

Working with the maintenance trainee and the trustees. Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Council has approved a programmable locking system for the east educational building entrance, the same as we have on the west entrance. The west door is completely ready to use. We have run some wires for the east door and NuWave Technologies should be installing it soon. Lindsay Quellhorst is working on getting pin numbers assigned to all who need access and other details. After completion of the east door locking system, we will activate the new system. Installed a transition strip between the hard floor and the hallway carpeting in the east entrance of the educational building. Carpet fraying. Replaced fixture in parsonage for the overhead light in the west bay. Installed fold up coat hangers on the wall opposite the preschool room. Cleaned the drain for kitchen island sinks. Repaired portable basketball hoop. Other small things taken care of as needed.

### **Ministry Assistant's Report: Abby Bushman**

Youth Ministry Assistant Council Report March 12, 2024

Do you know what a beautiful sight is right before your eyes? Our St. Paul Youth Group members gathered together for Ash Wednesday service filling the auditorium with family and friends. Next up, we are excited to go bowling with the congregation Sunday, March 17th from 11:30 am -1:30 pm at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen! Be sure to save the dates listed below for your family to join us again in the future! Soon we will be sending out Easter postcards to our homebound and nursing home folks to bring them joy with inspiring Easter messages of hope, happiness and warm springtime wishes! As we look ahead, would you be

willing to pray for our youth ministry throughout the year? Or willing to be a sub for when a teacher is unable to make it to Sunday School /youth group? If you would be interested in getting more involved with the Youth of St. Paul Church, please reach out to us at 419-629-2502!

These forty days of Lent are a time to slow down, to lean upon the plow and wonder at the world around us with amazing, hope-filled hearts as we reflect on the cross and Christ's path to get there. Our path may be filled with potholes, however as we journey through Lent, don't rush things. Pause. Take your time. Listen for God's whispered, promised Alleluia. It will come very soon! Sending Peace, Love and Hope to you and your family, Abby

### **Save the Date for Upcoming Youth Events:**

Statement of Faith; Sunday, March 17th at 10:15 am worship.  
Fellowship and Bowling for All Ages Sunday, March 17th, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm; Speedway Lanes, New Bremen Bowling Alley. All are welcome for Pizza and Bowling!

Last Day of Youth Group, Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:00 pm  
Palm Sunday, Rite of Confirmation; Sunday March 24th, 10:15 am  
Maundy Thursday Service; Thursday, March 28th, at 7:00 pm.  
Good Friday Service; Friday, March 29th, at 7:00 pm  
Easter Worship; Sunday, March 31st, at 7:00 am and 10:15 am.  
Easter Brunch; Sunday, March 31st, after sunrise service until 9:45 am- Assembly Room

Sunday School~ Easter Celebration 9 am – 10 am

Senior Recognition; Sunday, April 21st, at 10:15 am worship

Last Day of Sunday School, Sunday May 5th, at 9:00 am

Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition; Sunday, May 5th at 10:15 am worship

Dayton Dragons Baseball Game / Fellowship, Fishing and Swimming / A Day at Putt- Putt Golf, KC Geiger Miniature Golf Course / A Day at Camp Clay Aqua Park & Splash Pad (details to come)

Auglaize County Fair; July 28th – August 3rd

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

### **Lay Minister Report: Jeff Paul**

I had one prayer request over the month of February

Called, emailed and texted 9 people on my list for pastoral care

Two home visitations

Designed, printed and mailed 15 cards to those on my pastoral care list

Participated in the Elmwood Assisted Living church service

Met with Bev Plattner to update & coordinate pastoral care lists.

### **Pastor Ken's Report:**

Sermons 4

Visits 17

Hospital Visits 1

Baptism 1

Adult Sunday School 3

Saturday Night Service 1

Coffee Shop Hours 4

Confirmation Class 2

Lead Women's Bible Study

Ash Wednesday Service

Elmwood Worship Service

Worship Team Meeting

Personnel Team Meeting

Finance Team Meeting

Mission Team Meeting

Men's Group 1

Association Community of Practice Presentation 1

Since we last met, I have experienced God in two distinct ways.

First, John and Joyce Gilberg have made it their mission to introduce me to our shut-ins, at-home, nursing home residents. I have enjoyed visiting with the folks to whom they have introduced me and visiting with John & Joyce on our trips there and back again. Second, I recently attended an ordination at the First United Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine, where I was the interim pastor 5 years ago. I was touched by how many people spoke to me with affection and grace.

I am looking forward to Holy Week and all that it entails. I am exceedingly disappointed by the low attendance at my Lenten Adult Sunday School classes.

Motion to accept made by Marlene Ahlers, seconded by June Oaks, motion approved

**Announcements:** Next meeting – April 9, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

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Mimi Messick, Secretary

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Matt Ranly, President

## Interim Pastor's Message

### THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS!!!

As I write this note, the Holy Season of Lent is almost over. I hope you have been able to use this season as a time for reflecting on your relationship with God and for drawing closer to God. By the time you receive these words, the Holy Season of Easter will have begun. (My special thanks in advance to everyone who will have had anything to do with our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday services. These services do not just create themselves. They are the result of a lot of hardworking and dedicated people. Please thank some of them!)

“Easter” comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter, standing in the light of the resurrection, we see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the “Lord and giver of life.” In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are ‘dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus’ (Romans 6:11).

Jesus’ resurrection is the center of the Christian year. The good news of God’s love for us in Jesus is the very heart of the Gospel message. Easter is the keystone of our faith. The keystone of an arch is the top, center stone upon which all the others depend. All the other stones matter but it is the keystone that holds them all together. Without Easter, our faith would be jumble of rocks.

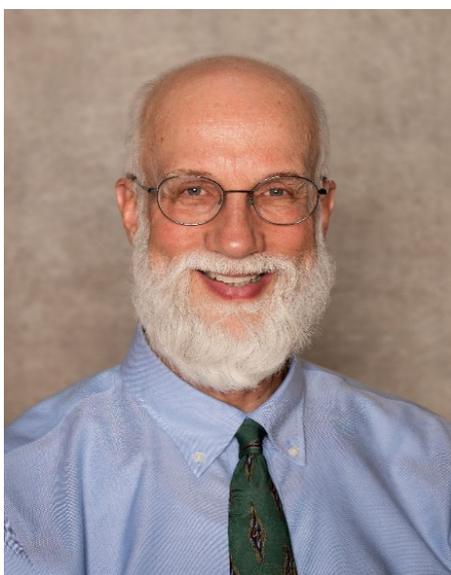
It is important that Jesus came down from heaven and was born like us and lived like us. It is important that he taught, healed, and fed people with miraculous powers. But that is not why we worship him. We worship him because in his death and resurrection, what we celebrate at Easter, we understand how much God loves us now and how much God loves us in the future.

Just as Advent is a time of preparing for Christmas, Lent is a time of preparing for Easter. Just as Christmas is not just a single day but an entire season of 12 days, so Easter is not just a single day but is an entire season of 50 days, ending with the Festival of Pentecost (the Birthday of the Church).

Like Christmas, Easter is a time for celebrating. In the ancient church, fasting and kneeling were forbidden during the Easter season. It is the most joyful season of our church year, the time for celebrating the great mystery of our faith – that Jesus the Christ is risen from the dead.

How will you celebrate during these glorious 50 days? Regular worship, of course, is a wonderful option. How about some extra generosity, too? In Ancient Israel, the Jews often celebrated special days by bringing gifts of food and clothing to the poor. Can you make an extra donation to our church, to a particular ministry, to a nonprofit or charity you admire? Maybe there are some children or grandchildren in your life who could use something besides colored eggs and candy – something you can stretch out over the entire 50 days. Perhaps you could make extra time to be with someone you've been missing lately. These are just a few options, there are many more.

However, you celebrate these great 50 days, I hope that you will again feel God's intense, joyful love for us all and for yourself in particular. That is the joyful love that led Jesus to the cross. It is the joyful, committed love that led God to raise Jesus from the dead. It is the joyful, relaxed love we experience when walking with God day-by-day. It is the joyful, expectant love we will enjoy as we look forward to living in God's loving embrace forever. May God's joyful, peaceful love be with you this day and throughout this holy season of Easter. ~ Pastor Ken.



## 2024 Financial Information as of March 18, 2024

### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$16,714.70  
Endowment Trans \$9,255.00 (ytd)  
Income \$72,011.38 (ytd)  
Expenses \$63,889.19 (ytd)  
Balance \$24,836.89 (ytd)

### Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$71,978.89  
Income \$6,652.00 (ytd)  
Endowment Inc. \$1,405.63 (ytd)  
Expenses \$10,039.95 (ytd)  
Balance \$69,996.57 (ytd)

### Project of the Year

Income \$839.50

### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$16,791.50  
Income \$3,201.50 (ytd)  
Expenses \$250.00 (ytd)  
Balance \$19,743.00 (ytd)

### Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$32,845.83  
Income \$5,940.00 (ytd)  
Expenses \$1,356.65 (ytd)  
Balance \$37,429.18 (ytd)

### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$6,013.50 (ytd)

## **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)*)**

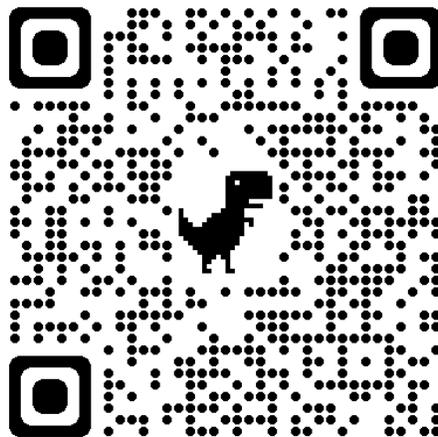
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

**Once a text amount is sent:**

**Registration Link-** Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

**Donation Confirm-** *Sent via text each time a donation is made.*





# Youth Sunday School Celebration

**Sunday, May 5: 9 am - 10 am will  
be our last day of Sunday School!**

**\*JOIN OUR 10:15 AM WORSHIP\***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH WILL BE SINGING &  
RECOGNIZED IN OUR CELEBRATION!!!**