

January 23, 2023

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus who offers us his Light and Love!

During worship yesterday, we commissioned our Pastoral Search Committee for their tasks.

Last week, we shared with you open positions at St. Paul Church. We have posted these positions on Hometown Opportunities, but we also invite you to prayerfully consider applying for any of these positions:

1. Office Administrator beginning February 1, 2023
2. Sanctuary Custodian beginning February 5, 2023
3. Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director beginning May 22, 2023
4. Groundskeeper beginning Spring 2023
5. Technology Director beginning May 2023

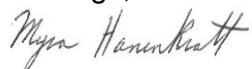
You are welcome to prayerfully consider applying for any of these positions. If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please send a resume, cover letter, and references to St. Paul Church office, attention Myra Hanenkraft, Council President.

Due to the upcoming staffing transitions, beginning in February, this weekly mailer will become a monthly mailer. This mailed packet will include worship information, Church Council minutes, financial report, nursing home list, and giving envelopes. We began the weekly mailings in March 2020 when Covid19 lock-downs first began as a way to keep the congregation connected to one another and to St. Paul Church. Moving forward, we are simply unable to maintain these mailings on a weekly basis. We thank you for your understanding.

As a gentle reminder, our primary tasks as Christians is to love God and love our neighbors. This includes keeping one another safe and healthy. **If you have symptoms and/or tested positive for Covid19, Influenza, RSV, or pneumonia, we kindly ask you to stay home.** Thank you for your attention to this detail.

Thank you for your ministry to Jesus Christ through St. Paul Church!

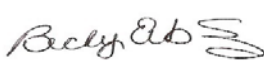
Blessings,



Myra Hanenkraft
Council President



Matt Ranly
Council VP



Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

2023 Financial Information as of January 23, 2023

Operating Fund

Giving Income \$2,625.00(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$3,073.00(ytd)
Income \$21,891.00(ytd)
Expenses \$21,283.10(ytd)
Balance \$607.90(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$56,920.53
Income \$1,153.00(ytd)
Endowment Inc.\$0.00(ytd)
Expenses \$253.83(ytd)
Balance \$57,819.70(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$54.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$9,977.49
Income \$529.50(ytd)
Expenses \$2,305.00(ytd)
Balance \$8,221.99(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$35,371.23
Income \$1,300.00(ytd)
Expenses \$1,077.54(ytd)
Balance \$35,593.69(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$75.50 (weekly)
Income \$1,847.50(ytd)

Please remember the family of Larry Kuhn in your prayers. Larry passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023. Service to celebrate his life was held Wednesday, January 25, 2023.



January 29, 2023, Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:7-21, [25-34]

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



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

Gracious God, you invite us to come to you in prayer, and offer us a promise of your never-ending care. Give us the humility to ask only for what we need and to be grateful when we receive it. Amen.



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

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:7-8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

People had learned how to look like they had open communication with God. God taught us that everyone has direct access to God, whether they have treasures to store or not.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How is the accumulation of *more* encouraged in your community? What media or messages could you stop listening to so that you could limit your exposure to those messages?
- Name three things you wish you had more of. Reflect on how the desire for more shapes your behaviors and attitudes.
- For the littles: What is your favorite prayer? God likes all prayers.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill your heart with words of praise. Amen.



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

Limit your exposure to TV, internet, and other media this week. First, notice how you spend that recovered time. Second, notice how you feel after limited exposure to messages that encourage the accumulation of more.



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

Monday, Psalm 20:7, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 6:22-24, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 6:25-34, *Teachings of Jesus*

Thursday, Matthew 7:15-20, *Teachings of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 7:21-23, *Teachings of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 8:1-17, *Healings of Jesus*



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Rev. Becky Erb Strang-Senior Pastor

Myra Hanenkratt-Council President

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome!

Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior.

May every blessing be yours.

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Hymn Sing

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Arianne Henry

Emily Willrath

June Oaks

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Organist

Liturgist

Sr. Deacon

Music 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 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, and F7. The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues the melody with chords Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, and C7. The lyrics are: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff has chords F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, and F7. The lyrics are: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff has chords Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, and F. The lyrics are: "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".

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: Our God knows what we need before we ask,

People: And gives us our daily bread.

Leader: We come before God with thanksgiving,

People: For all that God has done for us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

D Bm A7 D G $\frac{A}{G}$ G $\frac{A9}{G}$ D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{E7}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A A7

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

D Bm A7 D G $\frac{A}{G}$ G $\frac{A9}{G}$ D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G D $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION (in unison)

Gracious God, you invite us to come to you in prayer and you offer us a promise of your never-ending care. Give us the humility to ask for only what we need. Abide with us. Then, send us out to serve you by loving our neighbors. 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

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Making a Joyfull Noise to the Lord!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Mary Hespe, Tavi Haastrup, Betty Bushman, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Confident that our Savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up to you, O God, the church, the world, and all in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: God of abundance, your son, Jesus, showed us how to pray so that the blessings of heaven might be ours. Keep us ever mindful of those things which are of true and lasting value. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Let the earth heal from the thoughtless damage we have done to it. Make us passionate stewards of your creation, working diligently for its nurture rather than its destruction. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless our world's religious leaders and encourage them to be models of faithful living for their communities of faith. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Place your healing hands upon all who are in need, those who are grieving, incarcerated, addicted, isolated, neglected, abused, or ill. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We lovingly remember all the saints whose lives have taught us to store up treasures in heaven. Keep them in your care until the day we all are together. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together...**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.**

HYMN

In the Garden

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Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb Ab7 C Db

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a - round me be

Ab Eb7 Ab C Eb Ab

ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Bb7 Gm Bb7 Eb Ab Eb7 Refrain Ab

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

Eb7 Bb Eb9 Ab

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 6:7-15 (NRSV)

Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴ "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

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B \flat F 7 C B \flat D E \flat Edim7

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

B \flat F Dm F F 7 B \flat F 7 C B \flat D E \flat

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

E \flat Edim7 B \flat F Dm F F 7 B \flat

thun - der, thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain
 B \flat B \flat 7 D E \flat B \flat D F 7

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 6:16-21 (NRSV)

Jesus said, "And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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F F₂ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{Am7(b5)}{Eb}$

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ Gm G₂ G $\frac{F}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G7 C7sus C7 C+

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
 above the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
 where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

F F₂ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{Am7(b5)}{Eb}$

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
 Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

D D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G₂ Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C F

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 6:25-34

(NRSV)

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

HYMN

Hymn of Promise

Unison F Gm7
F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7 C7 F
F F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm6 A7
G A

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb F F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES: Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us how to live. Our response to this new life in Christ is to give generously of our time, talents, and treasure. May our offering today bring hope and life to others. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system contains the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated, such as G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, and G.

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

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

You have given us an abundance of earthly treasures, O God. Make us generous as we return them to your service, that we might put our hearts not in material things, but in selfless love for you and our neighbors. Accept these, our gifts, and use them to bring light and life to your world. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

I Am the Light of the World

I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F *Unison Introduction* **B♭** *Refrain* **C** **F**

"I am the light of the world!"

B♭ **C** **F** **Gm** **Dm** **C**

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

F **Gm7** **C** **B♭** **F** **B♭** **F** *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F **B♭/D** **C** **F**

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.
 Jim Strathdee, 1965

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C *Return to*

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

BENEDICTION: The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

614 Let There Be Peace on Earth

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system contains the first line of lyrics: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;". The second system contains the second line of lyrics: "let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be." Above the treble clef staff, chord symbols are provided for each measure. The first system's chords are C, Am, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, G7sus, and G7. The second system's chords are C, B7, Em/B, B7, Em, B7/D#, G7/D, and G7. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

WORDS: Sy Miller (1908-1971) and Jill Jackson (1913-1995), alt.
MUSIC: Sy Miller (1908-1971) and Jill Jackson (1913-1995); harm. Charles H. Webb (1933-)
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G7 Am Am6 Em C7 F Em
G G7 C

With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G G7

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C G7sus G7

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

C B7 Em
B B7 Em B
D# G7
D G7

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

G7 C C+ F D7 Fm6

to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

C
E E7 F C F Dm7 G7 Dm7
G C

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by John and Joyce Gilberg.

Participants-January 15-Sunday School-15, Teachers-3, Worship Online-232, In Person-60, January 18-Splash-6, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-17, Confirmation-3, Leaders-7.

Sundays in January and February-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Saturday, February 4-Worship** will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, Monday-Thursday, online. Devotions will air and be saved on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

January Book Club-All are welcome to St. Paul UCC's Zoom Room at 11:30 on Sunday, January 29 for our monthly Book Club. We will discuss Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Books can be picked up on the table outside Pastor Becky's office. This event is offered in-person and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332803465?pwd=WVIBdXoxM3FIUGRMTGg4NmhFSVgwQT09> **Meeting ID: 823 3280 3465 Passcode: 134323**

2023 Altar Flower Chart has open dates: July 2, 30, August 27, October 1, 29, December 31. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You

may also call the church office Monday-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will be \$40.00. Thank you.

Annual Report Articles-Please turn your report in for the February 26, 2023 Congregational Meeting by January 30. We would like reports from the following: 2022 Council President, Stewardship Board, 2022 Council Treasurer, Maintenance/Trustees, Technology, Sr. Deacon, Sr. Elder, Music Department, Worship Team, Mission Team, Called to Care Team, Discipleship Team, Blessing Pantry, Art Camp Festival, Prayer Chain and Lay Minister of Visitation, Women's Service Group.

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Groundskeeper, Technology Director, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, Chancel Choir Director, Sanctuary Custodian and Office Administrator. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Office Administrator. This position would work approximately five hours per day. Job responsibilities include answering/directing phone calls, formatting and printing weekly worship bulletins, funeral bulletins, monthly mailers, and keeper of vital church records among other tasks.

The Sanctuary Custodian position is part time. It includes cleaning and sanitizing the sanctuary, bathrooms vestibules for all worship services. The Sanctuary Custodian unlocks and locks the sanctuary for all services-including weddings and funerals.

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.

The Groundskeeper position includes regularly mowing, trimming, edging, blowing and other needed maintenance of all of St. Paul Church's grounds. This is a seasonal position.

The Technology Director serves part time at St. Paul Church to maintain and update all computer, networking and worship technologies. The Technology Director works closely with the Worship Tech Team and the Worship Team.

January Monthly Mission: Church World Service Blankets (CWS)

Church World Service has been involved with disaster response for many years, in many ways, and in many places. One way CWS helps is by supplying blankets for people who have been involved in all kinds of tragedies-floods, hurricanes, fires and yes tornadoes. Three years ago tornadoes ripped through the poorest section of east Dayton. Many houses were damaged or destroyed and CWS supplied blankets to families and other assistance as well as clean up buckets. The blankets come in two different weights and can be used in various ways, not only to keep warm but as make shift tents for protection from the elements. Our mission offering for January will be designated for CWS. Thank you for your support. The Mission Team.

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-Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Conditioner, Tampons, Diapers (sizes N, 4, 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Q-Tips, Vaseline, Manicure Items, Napkins, Paper Plates, Food Storage Bags, Garbage Bags. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement. Effective immediately the St. Paul Church Nursery will be open on Communion Sundays and on Children's Worship Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

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.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

January/February 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.

Calendar-Week of January 29, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Book Club
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation w/Mentors
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes
	5:00pm	Worship w/Holy Communion

E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: 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.

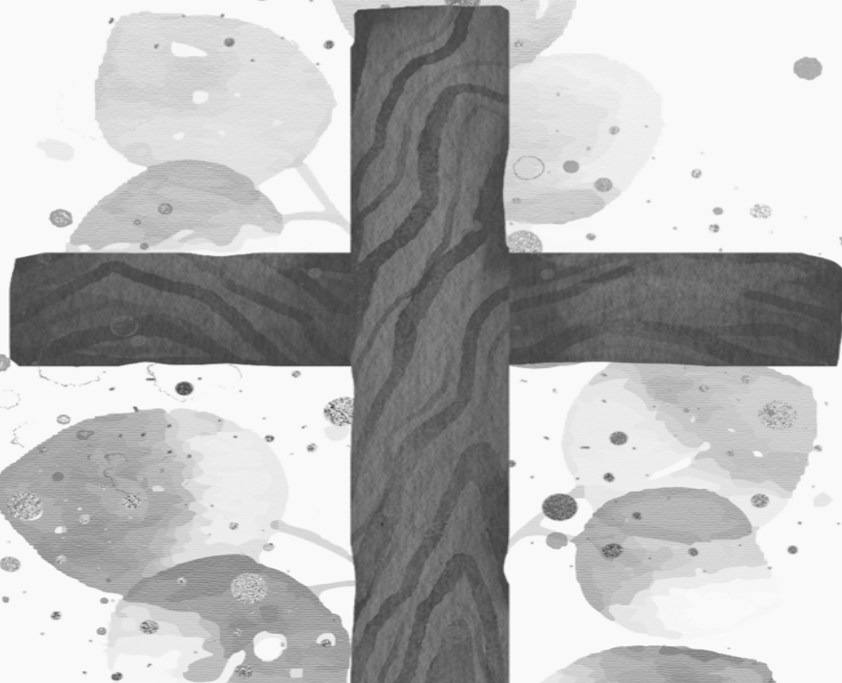
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Children's Worship

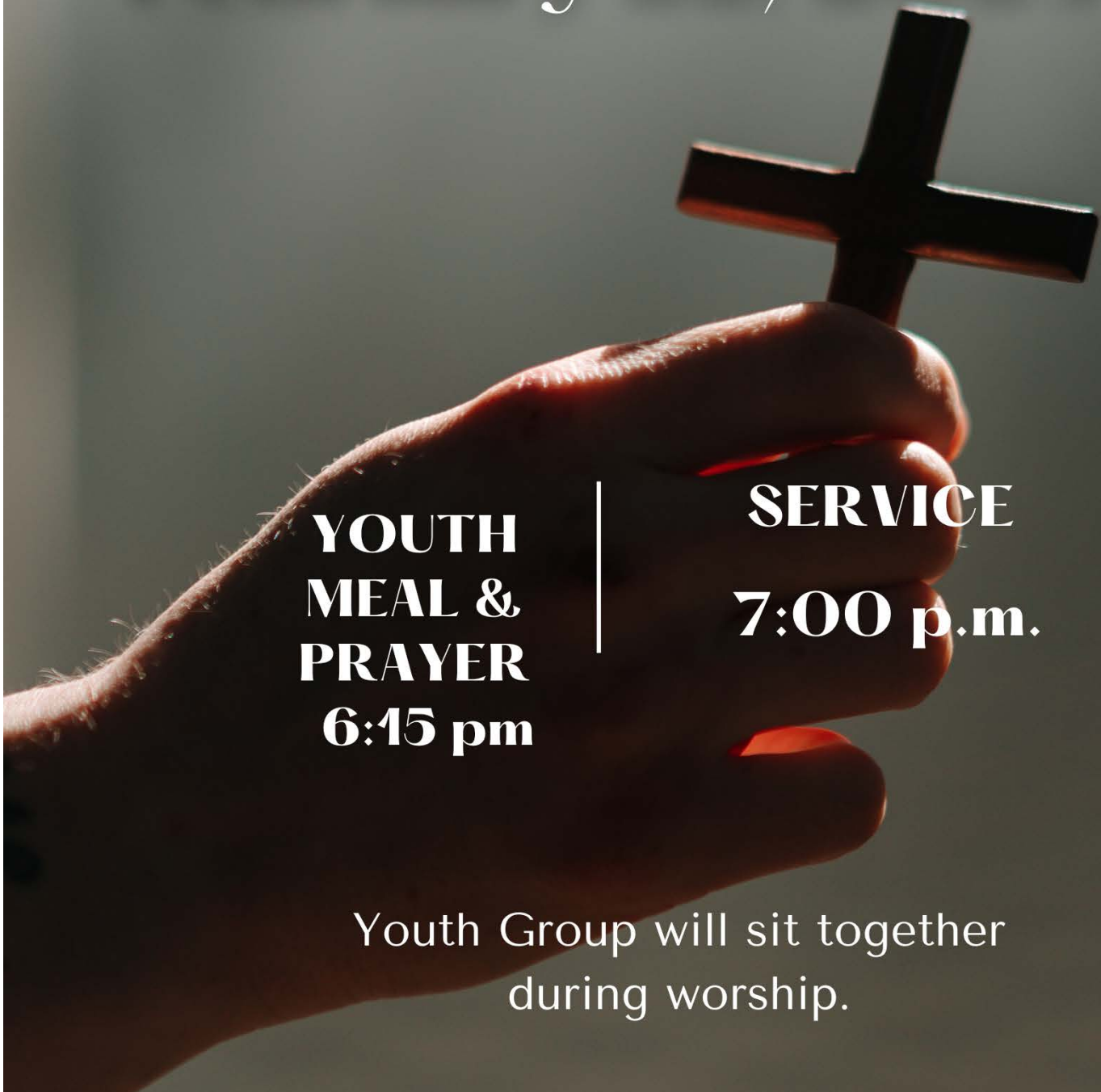
Join us at 10:15 am to celebrate the
history of St. Paul Church through the
eyes of the Youth



St. Paul United Church of Christ

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023



**YOUTH
MEAL &
PRAYER
6:15 pm**

**SERVICE
7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group will sit together
during worship.