

November 7, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

As yesterday's scripture reading (1 Corinthians 3:1-9) reminds us: You are God's garden! As St. Paul Church, seeds of faith, grace, forgiveness and service are planted in the rich soil of Christ's love. In turn, we respond with generosity and joy.

This coming Sunday, during worship, you will have the opportunity to turn that joy into a financial pledge to the ministries and mission of St. Paul Church for 2023. If you do not worship with us in-person, you can send your pledge card in to the church office. We also invite you to stop by sometime to pick up your giving envelopes for next year.

The New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club is hosting a Community Thanksgiving Meal at St. Paul Church on Monday, November 21 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Meals will be available for dine-in and carry-out. The meal is free of charge and open to everyone.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Pastor Becky is seeking individuals or families to light Advent candles during worship services. She is also seeking musicians to provide some of the music for the Christmas Eve Open House. Please contact Pastor Becky if you are interested in either of these ministries.

You may have noticed that Daily Devotions have offered less frequently. We are seeking volunteers to take one week at a time to film/record devotions. Please see Pastor Becky for more information.

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 tested positive for Covid19, we kindly ask you to stay home until your five-day waiting period is over and you are symptom free, as prescribed by the CDC.** Thank you for your attention to this detail.

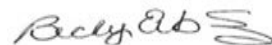
May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

Roland Dicke  
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt  
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

## Financial Information as of November 7, 2022

### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$5,768.23 (weekly)  
Endowment Trans \$20,480.00(ytd)  
Income \$269,514.08(ytd)  
Expenses \$278,030.84(ytd)  
Balance **(\$8,516.76)**(ytd)

### Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59  
Income \$47,279.50(ytd)  
Endowment Inc. **(\$6,541.32)**(ytd)  
Expenses \$25,797.96(ytd)  
Balance \$51,588.81(ytd)

### Project of the Year

Income \$15,325.00  
Expenses \$14,107.53  
Balance \$1,217.47

### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82  
Income \$20,552.70(ytd)  
Expenses \$23,781.08(ytd)  
Balance \$8,990.44(ytd)

### Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12  
Income \$12,994.00(ytd)  
Expenses \$13,856.35(ytd)  
Balance \$28,298.77(ytd)

### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$484.50 (weekly)  
Income \$20,780.50(ytd)



November 13, 2022, Micah

Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

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



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

Delivering God, your people, Israel, wondered what they had to sacrifice in order to be right with you. Remind us that you have made us right with you in Jesus, and that all you ask of us is a humble heart for service to you and our neighbors. Amen.



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

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*



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

Israel was again threatened because of their sin. What sacrifices would God require to save them? God demanded no sacrifices; rather, God wanted justice, kindness, and that they walk humbly alongside God.



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

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How are the actions of your community/culture punished or rewarded? How can you influence your community's behaviors so that they more closely match God's ways?
- How do you act with justice, kindness, and humility? What can you do this week to make improvements in those areas of your life?
- For the littles: What do you do that shows kindness to others? God asks us to be just (fair), kind, and humble (not selfish).



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

May God fill you with justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.



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

Perform an act of justice, kindness, or humility for a stranger at least once each day this week. Make a note of how your behavior shapes your attitude.



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

Monday, Micah 1, *Judgment and Doom*

Tuesday, Micah 2, *Social Evils Denounced*

Wednesday, Micah 3, *Wicked Rulers*

Thursday, Micah 4, *Peace and Promise*

Friday, Micah 5:1, 5-15; 6:1-5, 9-16, *God's Challenge*

Saturday, Micah 7, *Prophecy of Restoration*



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

**November 13, 2022**

**Stewardship Week Five: Harvest**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Arianne Henry

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist/Organist

Sr. Deacon

Chancel Choir/Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THRIVING: LIBRARY** *To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams. (Daniel 1:17)* St. Paul Church's Library is housed within our education building. In our Library, you will find devotionals, novels, biblical study guides, children's books, reference books, and a wide variety of bibles in a multitude of English translations. Our Library is also a gathering space for groups and has, at times, been a video studio. I invite you to stop by the Library and pick up a book or two in the coming week.

## WELCOME SONG

No Matter

*J=120*

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.

To verses | Last time, Fine

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With a passion for justice.**

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With a heart for kindness.**

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With a humble desire to walk with God.**

Leader: Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy!



MINISTRY & SERVICE

# 569 God of Grace and God of Glory

G C  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{G}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  C6  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G  $\frac{C}{E}$  C Am7

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
 3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

$\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G C  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{G}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  C6  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G  $\frac{C}{E}$

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

$\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D7 G  $\frac{G}{B}$

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

$\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em7 D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G C  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Gracious God,

**People: We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have taken what is not ours, and justified our actions. We have turned away from your wisdom. We have not done justice, loved kindness, nor walked humbly with you. Forgive us for the harms we have caused through word and action, and restore us to the joy of following your will for us. Amen.**

Leader: God knows our every weakness and yet loves us without ceasing. Rejoice and be glad, for the God of grace and glory forgives all your sins, for the sake of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ!

**People: We offer to God our thanks and praise!**

## GLORIA PATRI

### *Glory Be to the Father*

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### Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated, such as Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Bb/D, Eb, Bb/D, Eb6, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb, G, Fm7/Ab, Eb, Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb.

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

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## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Joy of generosity!

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Monica Bushman, Betty Bushman, Terri Goodwin, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Certain of God's mercy, we lift up in prayer today the church, the world and all in need.

### SILENT PRAYER

Leader: God of grace, you have asked not for burnt offerings or sacrifices, but for our hearts to be renewed and transformed with justice, kindness, and humility. Show us how to walk in this way each and every day. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your holy creation is wholly yours. Make us nurturing and thoughtful stewards of all that you have made. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Transform the hearts of our world's leaders that they may govern with justice, mercy and peace. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heal all the hurts of the world, Gentle God. Bring all your suffering servants to wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Offer your comfort to those who mourn. Remind us to offer ourselves to others for the repair of the world. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Make all the children of the earth walk in humility, and teach us to care for one another with the love that binds all creation. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints, following in their footsteps of justice, kindness, and humility until we arrive in their presence once again. Merciful God,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: We lift all for whom we pray into your loving arms, O God, 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.**



## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:6-8

(NRSV)

*With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?*

*<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

*<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 10:1-11

(NRSV)

*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'*

# SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON

Harvest

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

## What Gift Can We Bring

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*Unison*

**System 1:** Chords: D, Em7/B, D/F#, Bm, G, Em, A9, F#m, Bm. Lyrics: 1 What gift can we bring, what present, what token? 2 Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision, 3 Give thanks for To-mor-row, full of sur-pris-es, 4 This gift we now bring, this present, this to-ken.

**System 2:** Chords: Em, Em/D, A/C#, D, D/F#, G, Em7, Em/G, A9. Lyrics: What words can con-vey it—the joy of this day? who plant-ed and wa-tered so dreams could come true. these words can con-vey it—the To-mor-row may bring, day!

**System 3:** Chords: D, Em7/B, D/F#, Bm, G, Em, F#7, E/G#. Lyrics: When grate-ful we come, re-mem-bering, re-joic-ing, Give thanks for the Now, for stud-y, for wor-ship, God gives us his word that al-ways, for-ev-er, When grate-ful we come, re-mem-bering, re-joic-ing,

**System 4:** Chords: F#/A#, Bm, G, D/F#, A/E, D7, G, Em7, A7, D. Lyrics: what song can we of-fer in hon-or and praise? for mis-sion that bids us turn prayer in-to deed. we rest in his keep-ing and live in his love. this song we now of-fer in hon-or and praise!

Throughout this past year at the end of announcements each Sunday, we have lifted up ministries and missions of St. Paul Church under five different categories: Planting Seeds, Taking Root, Rain Come Down, Thriving, and Harvest. The intent is to highlight the ways we, as this particular Body of Christ, are working in God's garden to bring about the Kingdom in this community and throughout the world.

During our stewardship season, we have taken these same five categories to serve as examples on how our generosity to the ministries and missions of St. Paul also helps grow the Kingdom. The first week, we spoke of Planting Seeds. Our children and youth talked about the seeds of love we plant in our congregation, in our schools, our families, and our community. You received seed packets in your weekly mailing and in worship that Sunday.

So I ask you: what seeds of God's Kingdom have you planted this autumn?

What do you hope to plant in the coming year to be part of Kingdom building?

How do you intend to give of your time, talents, and treasure as we work together in the garden God has gifted to us?

Throughout today's sermon, we will pause, on occasion, to sing a verse of *What Gift Can We Bring*—number 685 in our hymnal. As we imagine how we will plant seeds in the coming year, let us sing verse one.

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?*

*What words can convey it—the joy of this day?*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,*

*What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

During our second week of stewardship, we focused on Taking Root. We explored how we are deeply rooted in God's love, in the grace of Christ Jesus, and the gentle wind of the Spirit. When we allow our lives to be planted in God's good soil, we cannot help but take root, spreading our roots—all underground—so that no one can see what is happening on the surface. And yet, deep roots assure that the plant above ground is thriving.

We root ourselves in our Christian faith through worship, Bible Study, prayer, teaching, learning, and service to others. We root ourselves in

Jesus by doing as he did—loving God and loving our neighbors. We root ourselves to St. Paul Church when we remember our past, celebrating the gift it is to us today.

Next year, 2023, we will celebrate St. Paul's 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Can you believe it? For nearly two centuries, St. Paul Church has been rooted in this community, serving others joyfully and lovingly. Your generosity toward St. Paul Church for the coming year will carry on the legacy of rootedness in this community and the legacies of service and love we value.

I ask you: What is taking root in your life?

How can you nurture that seedling that it might grow and flourish?

How might your generosity help your faith-roots deepen?

Let us sing verse two.

*Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision,  
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,  
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*

On week three of this stewardship season, we remembered those who died—by naming their names and lighting candles in their memories on All Saints Sunday. That was the week our worship focused on Rain Come Down—a most fitting Sunday to see rain as tears falling upon the earth, to see the rain as nourishing the earth, to see the rain as washing us clean and making us new.

Think back to when you were a child, playing, dancing, stomping, running in the rain. Did you and your friends ever race each other as the rain came pouring down? What was it like, to race in the rain? Do you remember running fast—faster than you thought possible—as your friends were also racing at top speed? Perhaps there was a stitch in your side, but you kept running. Then, when you crossed the finish line, you collapsed onto the wet grass, rain soaking your face.

Generous giving is like that: a delightful combination of effort/stretching that leads to joy. As Christians, we are called to give and give so generously that we experience that joy—a joy that rains not only upon this congregation, but upon our community, nation, and world.

When the rains come down at all the right times, when our giving pushes us to broaden our definition of “generosity,” we begin to thrive. On week four of stewardship season, we focused worship on Thriving. The garden God plants in our hearts needs to do more than survive—it needs to thrive and flourish and grow with abandon.

When we thrive, when our congregation thrives, when our community and nation thrive, we are able to tap into the joy that God intends for all his creation.

When we are thriving, we are able to shift from a scarcity mode (never enough for everyone) to a generosity mode (enough for everyone!), we are filled with the Holy Spirit who causes us to dream—and dream big—about the future.

I ask you:

When you are thriving/living your best life, what can you offer to others?

As we thrive as a congregation, where do you see God leading us in the coming years?

Looking to the future, let us sing verse three.

*Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,  
For knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,  
God gives us his word that always, forever,  
We rest in his keeping and live in his love.*

All of this singing and reflection brings us to this moment: the moment of Harvest—when we are summoned to the fields by God to harvest what has been planted. Today’s New Testament lesson reminds us that the harvest is ready. This, in turn, means we need to be ready to go into the fields and harvest, to be willing to go into our neighborhoods to share God’s love, to be ready to take action on behalf of those our society has tossed aside.

Our Old Testament lesson echoes this. God is not impressed with ritual sacrifice. The harvest/the sacrifice God wants from each of us is this: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

The dollars we pledge to St. Paul Church for the coming year must do exactly that: seek justice, show kindness, and live humbly. In other



words, our financial giving creates spaces for the oppressed to experience freedom, for the reviled to experience kindness, and for each of us to humbly work toward God's Kingdom.

In a few moments, you will be invited to bring your pledge card forward. You have been given the gift of these five weeks to imagine how St. Paul Church can plant seeds, take root, be baptized by water and Holy Spirit and rain, & thrive—all leading to a wondrous harvest in 2023 and beyond.

As we look to the future (which belongs to God!), let us sing verse four.

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
These words can convey it—the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
This song we now offer in honor and praise!*

Let us join the harvest of justice and joy! Amen.

## OFFERING AND DEDICATING OUR 2023 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 five weeks, we have focused worship around our stewardship theme: Planting Seeds, Taking Root, Rain Come Down, Thriving, and Harvest.

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 a pledge card, we do not want you to feel pressured to do so. We do hope you will consider this, but it is a 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 you write the percentage of your income you prayerfully commit to give to the missions and ministries of St. Paul for 2023.

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. Similarly, 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 work together to build your Kingdom. 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      *We Give Thee but Thine Own*      Verses 1, 3, 5

# 688 We Give Thee but Thine Own

G  $\frac{G}{B}$  C2  $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{G}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C#dim7 Dsus D

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,  
 4 The cap - tive to re - lieve, to God the lost to bring,  
 5 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  C2  $\frac{D7}{A}$  Em D G  $\frac{G7}{B}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to tend the lone and fa - ther - less is an - gels' work be - low.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)  
 MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

SCHUMANN  
 S.M.

**BENEDICTION:** May the blessing of God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all. Amen!

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

$\text{♩} = 95$  F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

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

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

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

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

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

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

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

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Participants-** October 30-Sunday School-22, Teachers-6, Worship Online-223, In Person-102.

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

**St. Paul Church Nursery**-is once again fully staffed during the entire Sunday worship service. Please spread the word to let young parents know this is available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

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

**Women's Bible Study**-We will be following along with one of Beth Moore's DVD Bible study series. Beth Moore is passionate about women knowing and loving the Word of God. We will be studying her series titled "The Basket Case" in which she will guide us to turn our worry and anxiety over to God. We will meet on Thursday evening November 17 at 6:30p.m. in the theater room.

**Mission Team**-will meet Sunday, November 13 following worship in the middle Sunday school room. December's meeting will be Sunday, December 4 following worship in the Assembly room. Any questions? Please contact June Oaks.

**2023 Offering Envelopes**-are available in the Southwest corner of the sanctuary in front of the pews. Only members who are currently using their offering envelopes and/or who have indicated they wish to continue to have an offering box have been assigned an offering envelope box for 2023. All other members who are giving online or giving without using envelopes have been assigned a "Giving" number that is not linked to an envelope box. If you do not receive an "Envelope Box" but wish to, please contact the church office 419-629-2502, [stpaulnb@nktelco.net](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net) or Janet Eilerman. A box number will be assigned and you may pick up your envelopes in the church office. Thank you, Janet Eilerman Financial Secretary.

**Free Thanksgiving Community Meal by New Bremen New Knoxville Rotary**-at St. Paul, Monday, November 21, 2022. Dine in or carryout meals will be available from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Assembly room. Menu is tentatively Turkey or Ham (whichever is available), Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetable, Roll and Cookies. All are welcome!

**December Book Club**-will meet Sunday December 4, after worship. We will be reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom. Pick up your copy on the table outside the offices. Hope to see you there.

**2023 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-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will increase. Thank you.

**Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins** are available for download on our website [stpaulnb.org](http://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.



## **NOVEMBER MONTHLY MISSION: Camp Washington**

Our November mission once again is Christmas gifts for the children of Washington UCC and surrounding families in Cincinnati. Our donations will go towards their program called "Gifts to the Manger" in which parents come to the church to pick out clothes and toys so they can give their children gifts at Christmas. This program will provide gifts to approximately 350 children of the neighborhoods surrounding Washington UCC.

There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex of the sanctuary with ornaments. Each ornament will have gift ideas for a specific age of boy or girl. **We ask that you shop for that child and bring your gifts back to church unwrapped and place them under the tree by Sunday, December 4th.** No violent toys or games, please. We are also accepting monetary donations as well which will also go to the "Gifts to the Manger" event. Last year we gave over \$1,000 along with all the gifts to the children. The gifts and money will then be delivered to Washington UCC for their scheduled "Gifts to the Manger" event. Thank you for your generous gifts to this mission!

**Blessing Pantry**-is accessible during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome—Blessing Pantry Needs-Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Q-Tips, Vaseline, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Pull Ups. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**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.

## Calendar-Week of November 13, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship-Stewardship Sunday In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
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
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm	Christmas Market

### 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

AUGLAIZE COUNTY  
SHOP WITH THE BLUE PROGRAM  
ALONG WITH  
OUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS  
ARE PROUD TO AGAIN OFFER



December 17th, 2022

Start your day with breakfast with a  
Local Law Enforcement Officer,  
Followed by  
SHOPPING with a local LEO!!!

Open to  
children ages  
2yrs-12yrs

For application form (to shop with a LEO)-  
Email- [shopwiththeblue06@gmail.com](mailto:shopwiththeblue06@gmail.com)  
Applications also available at Sheriff's Office or any County Police Department.

If you would like to donate funds towards the  
program,

Please make checks payable to:  
Shop with the Blue

Mail your donation to:  
St. Mary's Community Foundation  
206 E. Spring Street  
St. Mary's, Ohio 45885

Please share  
with our local  
Auglaize Co.  
families

Application deadline  
November 18th

A festive background featuring pine branches, white lights, and several round ornaments hanging from the branches. The text is centered and written in a decorative, cursive-style font.

*Save the date for the Christmas Market!  
This year's Christmas Market will be held at St. Paul  
in the educational building on  
Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to 1 pm.  
Join us for this extraordinary holiday shopping event  
with over 20 local artisans, craftspeople, bakers, and  
more!  
Enter through the West double doors, Herman St. side.  
Admission is \$1 at the door.  
All proceeds help support the Blessing Pantry.  
For questions please contact Jennifer Snider.*

# Let's "STRIKE" up some fun!

Sunday, November 20, 2022

THERE'S NO TIME TO "SPARE"  
WE ARE GOING BOWLING AND  
WANT YOU THERE!

11:30 AM-1:30 PM  
All ages welcome for pizza  
& fellowship after worship!  
Sponsored and compliments  
of St. Paul UCC

New Bremen  
Speedway Lanes  
455 N. Herman Street  
New Bremen  
RSVP: 419-629-2502



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
★



*Children's  
Christmas  
Worship*



**DEC  
11**

**AT 10:15 AM**

You and those you love are invited  
for special music and an inspiring  
message from our blessed children.

**MUSIC | LAUGHTER | CHILDREN'**