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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"
Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday
Children's Worship

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Katie Brautigam
Sunday School/Youth
Bryan Trego

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Pianist
Worship Leaders
Sr. Elder

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

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: Let us go to the mountain.

People: We will see Jesus transformed.

Leader: It is good to be here,

People: In the presence of our God.

Leader: We are fed by God's holy word,

People: And we, too, are transformed.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

No. 243
verses 1 & 4

243 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

F C/E F Dm C/E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb A

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise;
 2 God re-vealed at Jor-dan's stream, proph-et, priest and king su-preme;
 3 God re-vealed in val - iant fight, con - quer - ing the dev - il's might;
 4 Stars shall fall and heav - ens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;

Dm Gm C F G7/D C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

once re-vealed, when heav-en's star brought the wise men from a - far;
 once re-vealed in power di - vine chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 sins for - giv - en, sick - ness healed, life re - stored and God re - vealed:
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, all will see the glo - rious sign;

C C/Bb F/A C7/G F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,
 Ca - na's ho - ly wed - ding guest keep - ing to the last the best;
 once re-vealed in gra - cious will ev - er bring - ing good from ill,
 all will then the trum - pet hear, all will see the Son ap - pear,

D/F# D Gm C/E C F Bb/D Bb F/A Dm F/C C7 F

Word be - fore the world be - gan, God re-vealed to us in man.

WORDS: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); rev. Jubilate Hymns, 1982

MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

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ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
7.7.7.7.D.

*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

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

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Merciful God,

People: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways. Amen.

Leader: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ. 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

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN

Happy Birthday Song

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Our children leading worship.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Jay Waterman, Tavi Hastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt (Joint Township Hospital), 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: Loving God, when your son, Jesus, was transfigured on the mountain, your glory was revealed to the disciples. Reveal yourself to us each and every day and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Your beautiful creation includes towering mountains and deep valleys, laughing streams, and broad oceans. Make us to love and care for all that you have made just as you do. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen the compassion of our world's leaders. Show them how to walk in your ways, and bless them with wisdom and mercy. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: So many are in need of comfort and care, O God. Shine your healing light on all who are sick, grieving, or suffering. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to accept all those whose differences frighten or anger us. Help us to love all your children, upon whom your love shines. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: With gratitude, we lift up the saints who have gone before us, who have shown us how to live in your light. 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.**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

***17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

RESPONSE

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

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

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Leader: We have come to the mountain with Jesus.

People: We are so glad he invited us to join him.

Leader: But suddenly, everything is different.

People: Jesus is different, transformed before us,

Leader: And we are afraid because we thought we knew him.

People: We thought we understood what he was about,

Leader: But we have discovered we had no idea.

People: Jesus is so much more than we could possibly understand.

Leader: Jesus touches our shoulder and tells us, "Don't be afraid,"

People: And invites us to know him yet more deeply.

Leader: So we follow Jesus back down the mountain,

People: Open to learning what he has yet to teach us.

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Let us give as we are able: joyfully and generously!

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 34

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the doxology. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system has the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the vocal lines, various chords are indicated: 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, 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)

O God, you ask us what we will give in return for our lives, and we know we cannot possibly offer what you deserve. Accept these, our humble gifts, as a sign of gratitude for all that you have given us and of the commitment to all that you have called us to. Amen.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 248

Db Gb/Db Ab Db/F Gb Db/F Ebm7 Ab Db Bbm Gb Db/F Fm

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

Ebm/Gb Ab7 Bbm Gb Db Ab7/Eb Fm Fm7 Gb Ab Gb/Bb Ab

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Db Gb/Db Db Ab/C Ab Bbm Eb Ab Db Fm Gb Ab/Gb Db/F Gb

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Db Ab Bbm Ab/C Dbsus Db Ab/C Bbm Gb/Bb Ab Ebm Ab/Gb

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

Db/F Fm Ebm/Bbm Bbm Eb Ab Db Bbm Gb/Bb Ab Bbm Gb Ab7 Db

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*BENEDICTION: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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

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

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

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

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by the Poeppelman and Knost families.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Lucille Francis (East door), Karen Vornholt (North door), and a sympathy card for the family of Shannon Shupp (South door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- February 12| Sunday School-18, Teachers-6;
Worship Online-178, In-Person-unavailable.

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

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

Confirmation and their Mentors- will meet Wednesday, February 22nd, 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday Worship-February 22, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary Our confirmands have burned last year's palm branches and prepared the ash to be used for this service. Worship will include music, imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please join us in-person or online via Facebook Live. All are welcome!

Congregational Meeting-will take place Sunday February 26, 2023 during the 10:15am worship service.

February Book Club-We will be reading *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Books can be picked up on the table outside Pastor Becky's office. This event will be offered in-person and via Zoom. There will be a book club meeting in the Zoom Room Feb. 26 at 11:30am.

2023 Altar Flower Chart has open dates: July 2, 30, August 27, 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.

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Technology Director, Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, Chancel Choir Director, and Bookkeeper. 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 Bookkeeper position is part-time. It includes accounts payable, payroll and preparing reports for council.

The Worship Organist is responsible for playing organ/piano during worship services, accompanies the choirs and works closely with the Worship Team.

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 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.

February Monthly Mission: Back Bay Mission

Back Bay Mission has been located in Biloxi Mississippi since 1922 and has just celebrated its 100th anniversary. It was founded by the Evangelical Reformed Church which is one of the four founding denominations of the United Church of Christ.

Back Bay Mission has been a mission partner of the UCC for 100 years and volunteers have given their time, money and help to the people of this area of Southern Mississippi. Many members of St Paul have been on mission trips to Back Bay over the years and have learned about the poverty and homelessness of Southern Mississippi. Mississippi is still the poorest state in the Union and Back Bay Mission is doing more than its share to help the people of this area.

Back Bay has a Day Care Center where people can go for a shower, a place to use a computer to look for job opportunities, a food pantry, a washing machine, as well as mental and physical professional help if needed. Other ways the mission helps, is with offering clothing donations and finding suitable housing for people.

Our St Paul UCC Church has supported this Mission financially and with work groups for many years. Over the past number of years Back Bay has gained the support of some of the Casinos, The Air Force Base which is located near Biloxi, some businesses, and the local Chamber of Commerce, as well as individuals.

St Paul members have been on many trips to Back Bay and they have seen the ongoing needs of the very poor people of Southern Mississippi. They have helped with cleaning out homes that have been damaged by hurricanes and flooded by some terrible storms and have helped with the rebuilding of these homes. The people that are helped are always so gracious and thankful for any help that they receive

The Motto for Back Bay Mission is taken from the Book of Micah and says “To do Justice, Love kindness, and Walk humbly with God” Remember- God loves a Cheerful Giver!

Thank you, John Gilberg, 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, Dryer Sheets, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Tampons, Diapers (sizes N-6), Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Bandages, Manicure Items, Napkins, 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, at 937-658-1770.

St. Paul UCC Rummage Sale-Planned for March 24th & 25th. Donations will be accepted during the month of March. Start gathering your items and watch for more details.

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.

March/April 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.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Calendar-Week of February 19, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
		In Person & via Facebook Live
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
	6:15pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation with Mentors
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

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.

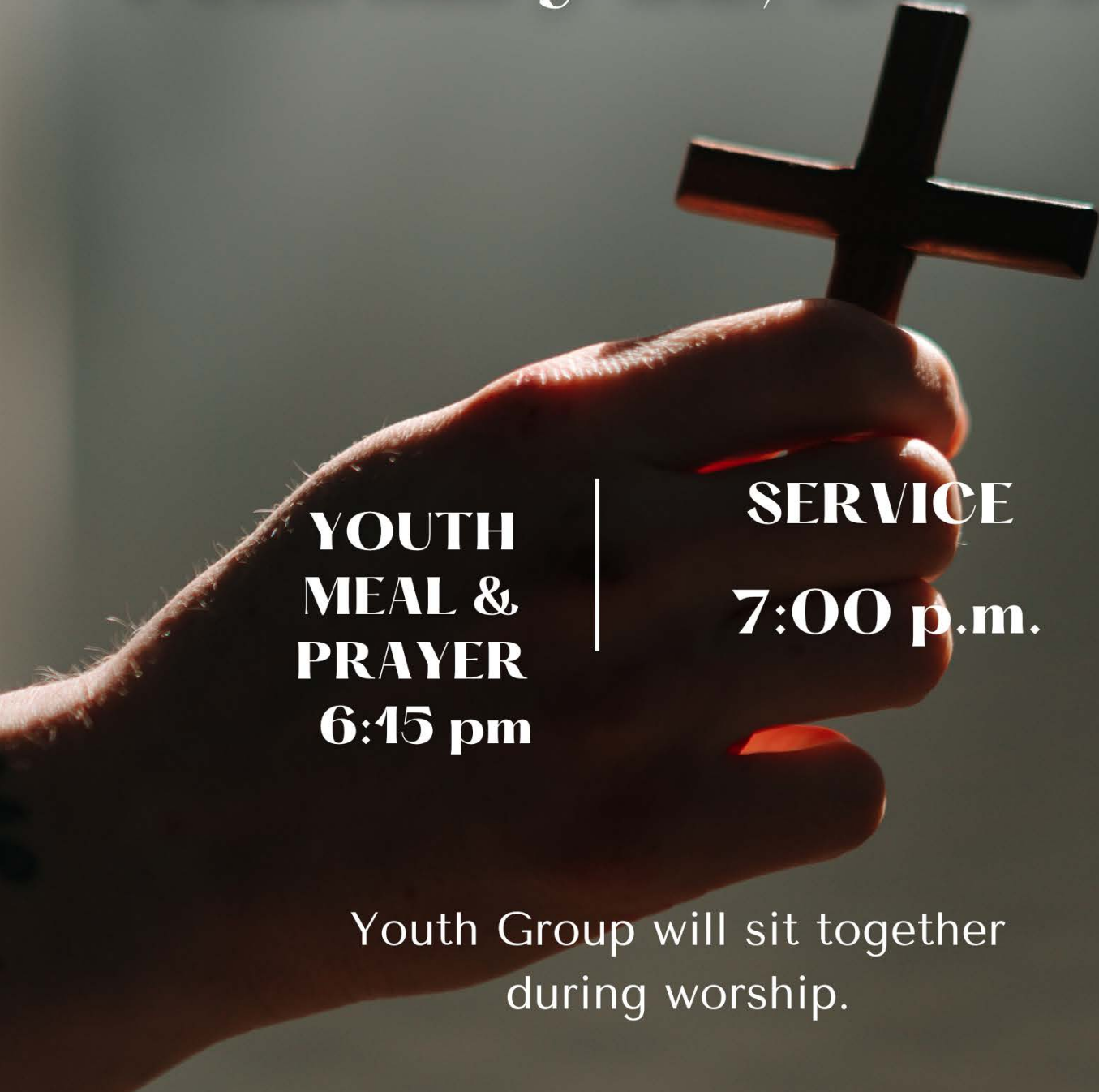
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

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

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.