

St. Paul United Church of Christ

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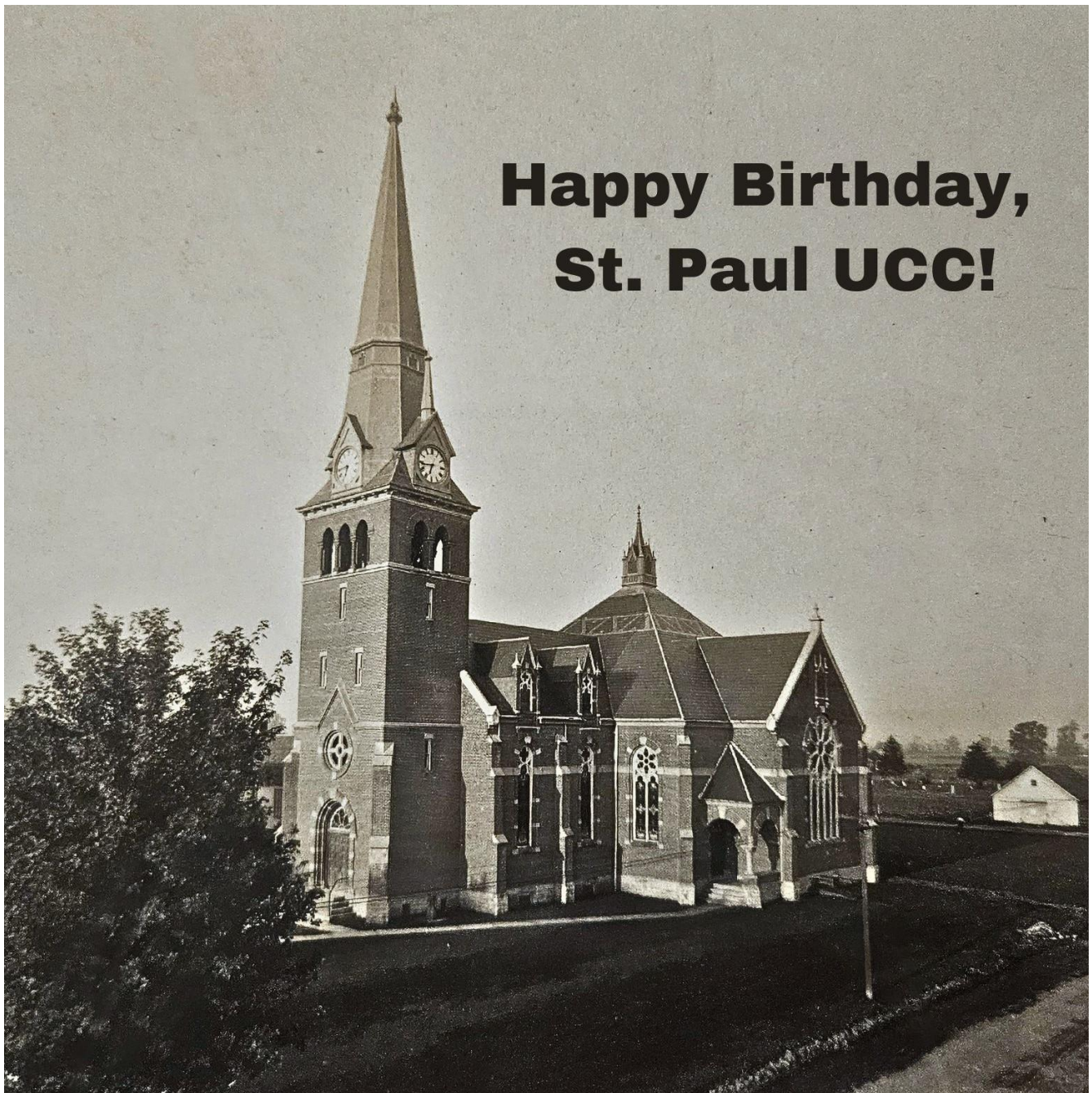
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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

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

September 10, 2023

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Conference Minister
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Dr. Dave Long-Higgins
Patty Ruckman
Jeff Paul
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. 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 tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues the lyrics: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes with: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." Above the final two measures of the fourth staff, there are two boxed options: "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷
No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ C F F
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses | Last time, Fine

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God's first and only language is love.

People: May the Spirit pour this speech into our lives and form us for service shared into the life of the world.

Leader: May the heart and mind of Christ active in our ancestors now be active in us!

People: Now may the joy of God rise as we sing together!

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No.59

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 59

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: There is a longing in the human heart to be free of the burden of words we wish we could take back or actions we wish we could change. The Holy One, invites you and me to be honest with ourselves so that by God's grace we can be free. Let us pray together.

***CONFESSION**

People: Loving God, take this burden so often held deep within and free me for a new beginning. Lead me out of the maze of my making, rehearsing injuries I have caused even in relationships I cherish. Yes, form a new path back to you and free me with Your forgiving love. Now hold me and heal me as I offer my silent confession to you.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Hear the Good News! Nothing can separate you from the love of God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

People: Everything we have offered, has been taken into God's gracious heart.

Leader: And God has returned forgiveness in grace upon grace. This is the Good News and you can trust it with your life.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1967

F B♭ F C7 F C7 F

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3, and a treble line of G4, Bb4, and C5. Chord symbols F, Bb, F, C7, F, C7, and F are placed above the vocal staff.

Gm C7 F Dm

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The vocal line continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3, and a treble line of G4, Bb4, and C5. Chord symbols Gm, C7, F, and Dm are placed above the vocal staff.

Gm C7 F Gm C7

world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The vocal line continues with quarter notes G5, F5, E5, and D5. The piano accompaniment continues with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3, and a treble line of G4, Bb4, and C5. Chord symbols Gm, C7, F, Gm, and C7 are placed above the vocal staff.

F Dm Gm C7 F

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

The first system of music features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men." The piano accompaniment includes chords and melodic lines in both the right and left hands.

Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line has a treble clef and lyrics "A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves with chords and melodic patterns.

C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb F

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The third system concludes the musical piece. The vocal line has a treble clef and lyrics "A - men. A - men. A - men." The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines on two staves.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

God's Word Is Proclaimed

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

(NT) pg. 108

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

(NT) pg. 162

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*HYMN

Renew Your Church

No.462

Renew Your Church

G D/F# G D7/A G D/F# G C G Am/C

1 Re - new your church, our min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
 2 Teach us your Word, re - veal its truth di - vine, on our path
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near, your still voice
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,

G/D D G D/F# G D7/A G D/F# G C

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
 let it shine; tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace,
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you,
 hu - man-kind; break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate,

G C G/D D G G/B D7/A G

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
 from each page show your face. As you have loved us,
 this the goal we pur - sue. Be - fore your pres - ence
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

D7/A G D G G/B G D D/C

of the night, where greed and ha - treds spread their blight, O
 sent your Son, and our sal - va - tion now is won, O
 keep us still that we may find for us your will, and
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O

$\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G D G $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

send us forth with power en - dued, help us, Lord, be re - newed.
 let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know your Word.
 seek your guid - ance ev - ery day, teach us, Lord, how to pray.
 share your grace from heaven a - bove, teach us, Lord, how to love.

SERMON

When All Is Said and Done

Rev. Dr. Dave Long-Higgins

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATING 190 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Leader: O Love of Life, as you gathered our ancestors 190 years ago,

People: So now you gather us.

Leader: Let the legacy of their loving commitment find new expression in us.

People: May the stories we remember gift us with a renewed commitment and courage to bear Your love into the world.

Leader: Form us as a sign of grace in a world often at odds with itself.

People: Fashion in us a courage to boldly share your good news.

Leader: May our words be a balm of grace for all who hurt.

People: May our vision be stretched into a future we cannot yet see.

Leader: Form a faith in us that is ever larger, ever deeper, ever more trusting of Your promise to never leave us alone.

Leader: Today we especially hold up for your tender mercy Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

People: Yes, Holy Love, form Yourself in us as we pray together the prayer which Jesus taught, saying...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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No.34
(Tune is the same but words have changed)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known.

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The asterisk before "Him" in the second system indicates the start of the Offertory Prayer.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: Gracious giver of life, we say “yes” again, to you. Bless these offerings we bring and bless us that our lives may be the living offering You intend for the life of the world. Amen.**

GOD

14 Now Thank We All Our God

F C/E F Bb F Gm F/A C F C7sus C7 F

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

F C/Eb F/Eb Bb/D Bb F Bb/D F/C C7/Bb A Gm/Bb C7 F

who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

C G/B C F C C/E F C/E Dm7 E Am

who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;

Am D/F# Gm D Gm F/A Gm/Bb Dm F/C C F

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=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.**

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

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Levi Oaks by June Oaks.

After Sunday's worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will be kept in the church office after Sunday.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Louise Kettler (South door), Teresa Joyce (East door), and a sympathy card for Bryan Trego & family (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- September 2 | Worship In-Person- 23; September 3 | Worship In-Person-55, Online-57

Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

Canceled | September Book Club- This book club meeting is canceled. We are currently looking for a new Champion to lead this group. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office.

Volunteers Needed- Looking for volunteers to be in the office to answer the phone, M-Th 1-3:30pm. If interested, please contact the office.

September Monthly Mission: Local Aid

The mission for the month of September is Local Aid. As the name implies, local aid helps individuals and families in our surrounding communities, meet the needs of daily life. Aid can come in the form of gas cards, rent money, and other miscellaneous repairs and expenses that may occur in our daily living. To give towards Local Aid, please mark your giving envelope accordingly or bring to the church office in an envelope labeled "Local Aid". Thank you!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 12th | Elmwood Worship-All are welcome to assist Jeff Paul with this wonderful service at 2:00pm. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

September 13th | Widow and Widower's Luncheon- Will be from 11:30am – 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter at Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall in Kettlersville.

September 13th | Youth Programs Start- They will be held every Wednesday: Splash (4th-5th grade) at 5:30pm, Confirmation Class (8th grade) at 7pm, Youth Group (6th -12th grade) at 7pm. All are welcome to join. The permission form is available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **YOUTH MINISTRIES-PERMISSION FORM** box along the top of the website.

September 14th | Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, September 14. Thank you!

September 14th | Women's Service Group/Auglaize Recycling Event- Will be from 1:00-3:00pm in the assembly room. The Auglaize Recycling event will have District Office Coordinator & Environmental Educator, Alexa Schwaderer, as our guide. ALL ARE INVITED.

September 17th | Worship Team- Will meet following worship in the assembly room.

September 18th | Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the October mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by Monday, September 18. Thank you!

September 19th | Church Council Meeting- will be in the assembly room at 7:00pm.

September 29th & 30th | The Heartland Conference- The 2023 Annual Gathering of the Heartland Conference is approaching. You will want to save the dates on your calendar and make plans to attend this event, which promises to be one of the most informative and inspiring ever.

This year's Annual Gathering will be held at a new location: Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd. in Canal Winchester, Ohio (southeast of

Columbus). Registration information and hotel recommendations for those with greater travel distances will be sent out shortly and will be included on the website: heartlanducc.org.

The highlight of the Annual Gathering will be the keynote address given by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, the newly-installed General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Office Administrator, Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. 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 is a part-time position which includes bulletin creation, keeper of vital church records, and phone answering among other tasks.

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.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery is open on Communion Sunday (First Sunday of each month). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

Blessing Pantry-is open during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays.

September/October Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. 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 September 10, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
		In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	190 th Anniversary Celebration!
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	2:00pm	Worship at Elmwood
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Auglaize County Recycling Event
Friday	10:00am	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.

