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

Blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

**January 3, 2021
Epiphany Sunday**

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Pastor Dee Schroer

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

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Dick Hudson

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Guest Preacher

Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

PRELUDE

GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar, Christ candle, and Advent candles you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

No Matter

♩=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 has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 notes, various chords are indicated: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, C, F, F7, and F. The piece 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: Have you seen the star of Bethlehem? Arise, people of God; let it shine in your lives

People: We have seen Christ's star and have come to worship. We are ready to let God lead and direct us.

Leader: Come from the shadows of earth to the light of God's eternal purposes

People: We see the glory of God in our midst and our hearts rejoice in expectation.

Leader: The promises of the gospel are for us, and for all people everywhere.

People: We are here to be equipped by God to carry good news into the world.

CAROL

The First Noel

The First Noel

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D Bm A A7/G D/F# F#m G D G D/F# Dmaj7 A7/E

1 The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - erent -
 6 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

D/F# G A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D A7 D Bm Asus A A7/G D/F# G

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
 east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and
 ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in his pres -
 to our heav - en - ly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of

D G D/F# Dmaj7 A7/E D/F# G A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D Refrain A7 D Bm

sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -
 stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

F#m D G D A/C# Bm F#m/A G D A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: As the glory of God shines around us once more, our mistakes and unfaithfulness are revealed in ways we cannot escape. We come to recognize that we have failed to act with God to show forth Christ to the world. May our confession express an earnest desire for change. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all people, we are imprisoned by our own self concern. If we do not sense your presence it is because we fail to open our minds. We have sought to create you in our own image, to serve people like us. We call you “Light of the World”, and yet we fail to see ourselves as citizens of the world, identified with people in all places and of all races. Forgive us when we fail to love people of all nations. We shrink from your righteousness and justice. We participate in acts of oppression and violence, sometimes actively, often through neglect. Forgive us for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways we trample others. Forgive us when we withhold our abundance from a needy world. Most of all, forgive us, O God, when we leave you in the manger and put you away with the other Christmas decorations going about as if your coming has no impact on our daily lives. Help us this day to begin to see ourselves in new ways, as part of the whole human family, and to begin to see others in new ways, as people for whom Christ was born, lived, and died. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The stars by which God would lead us still shine. God has brought us again to this place, where we can leave behind our confessions. And for these gifts of confession, God says, “Thanks, Thanks for your honesty, your trust, your faith, your love.” And the gift that God gives us this new year is a new journey with the Child who grows, and loves us, and lives for us. Let the light of God shine in you, and the joy of serving fill you with a bright radiance, for you are forgiven by the God who shines for you and through you. Amen.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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Em B7 Em B7 Em

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

Em D G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{Em}{B}$ B7 Em

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

D D7 G Em C G Em C G

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

Em D G C G Dsus $\frac{Bm}{D}$ G Em C G

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: New Year. Worshipping Together.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Ellen Topp (The James), Drew Wray, Macie Barlage, Deb Lear, Jan Dammeyer, and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of all seasons, who gives us the minutes and hours and days of our lives, we come to you in this new year, praising you for your presence and your love. We move into this new year unafraid of the future because of the blessed assurance of your care. We know that our time is in your hands and we praise you for the opportunities that await us. Guide us and keep our feet from stumbling and our hearts from wandering away from you. Use us to bring your message to our hurting and needy world. May those mentioned here today and those whose needs are only known to you, those who are hurting or afraid, those facing illness, surgery or treatments, know the healing strength of your love. May those who are mourning know the comfort of your love. May those whose lives have been torn apart by tragedy, or war, find hope in your steadfast love and faithfulness. Grant wisdom to all the leaders of the nations that their decisions may lead to peace and to a return home to their families of all the soldiers from all the nations where war has reigned for far too long. May our church come into this new year with open hearts, open hands, open minds and open ears, willing to learn and do whatever it is that you desire for us to accomplish in our midst, in our neighborhood and in our world. May all we do and say here bring only glory and honor to your name. Bless all who serve throughout the world in your name that your love may be proclaimed and received. Grant that each of us may hold fast to your truth in the new year and always. Listen now for the silent prayers of our hearts, prayers too deep for spoken words... We offer all of these prayers in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ who gave his disciples and us these words 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.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

*Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
the Lord's glory has shone upon you.*

*² Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations,
the Lord will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you.*

*³ Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.*

*⁴ Lift up your eyes and look all around:
they are all gathered; they have come to you.*

*Your sons will come from far away,
and your daughters on caregivers' hips.*

*⁵ Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble and open wide,
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;
the nations' wealth will come to you.*

*⁶ Countless camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.*

*They will all come from Sheba,
carrying gold and incense,
proclaiming the Lord's praises.*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during
the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ² They
asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in
the east, and we've come to honor him."*

*³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in
Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and
the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be
born. ⁵ They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet
wrote:*

*⁶ You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,*

*because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” ⁹ When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON

“Light of the World”

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

First of all, Happy New Year! What a joy to be spending this first Sunday of 2021 invited back to St. Paul. Today on the church calendar is Epiphany Sunday, the day we celebrate the journey of the Magi, or sometimes we say the Wise Men or even the three Kings. But I have to tell you, they weren’t Kings, they were probably astrologers, we don’t really know if there were three (that’s not in the Bible), but what we DO know, is they certainly were Wise Men. No one could dispute that title. Men who traveled far out of their comfort zone pursuing a strange and unexplainable phenomenon, a bright star where none should be—stars do not stop in their orbits, (they even asked for directions!), took gifts to a baby they knew was born to be King of the Jews, worshiped him and then listened to God as they were warned in a dream to find another way home. They were Wise Men indeed.

Too often, the visit of the Wise Men gets tied into the birth story at Christmas and by this time both the manger scene and the three Wise Men that nearly always accompany it have been put away by many until

next year. But that is not scripturally correct and it's not good for our spiritual journeys either. When the visit of the Wise Men gets lost in all of the other parts of the Nativity story, then we are the ultimate losers. This visit gets a day all its own on the church calendar and for good reason as it reveals to us again each year, as Paul Harvey might have said, "the rest of the story." The word Epiphany means an appearance or manifestation, particularly of a divine being, or an illuminating discovery, especially one that comes unexpectedly, an AHA experience. And then, for us, there is more, there is the directions of what we are to do as a result of that Epiphany in our lives. And that IS the rest of the story.

Epiphany marks the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles. The Wise Men are Gentiles, people outside the religious community. Amazing that they knew about Jesus' birth, but the learned religious leaders did not, or at least we are not told about that. In addition, Matthew's gospel was written for the Jews and is a very Jewish gospel. What a remarkable eye opener that must have been for those early listeners. In addition, that message, that Jesus is for all people, is the message of Isaiah's reading today, and although we did not read it, the letter to the Ephesians scripture for today also states this message emphatically. In other words, Jesus is for everyone—all nations, all people. The birth of Christ is national news, not local news. Now before you say to yourself, yeah, yeah, so what else is new, I already know this, we are Gentiles, people from other nations are Christians/Gentiles, etc., etc., I want you to sit up, wake up and take notice, because many people this very day, over 2000 years of messages later, still don't get it! Jesus is God's gift to the world, the light of the world, not just the people you and I think might qualify, not just people who look like, act like, believe like you and me, but everyone. There are no "ins or outs." It might be the same story year after year, the message might be the same year after year, but the ears and hearts and minds of the people who hear the message change year after year. Some have heard it a lot and it has made a difference in their lives. Some have heard it a lot but just now get the full picture. Others have not heard it before. Some will hear it again and again, but still not understand. Jesus might be your personal Savior, and I pray that is true, but you do not own the exclusive rights to that. The promises of God are to all people.

Epiphany challenges each of us to consider the people that we might think to be outside the boundaries of God's love. It challenges us to put aside our "tribalism" whether that means race, nationality, denomination, gender, social class, or any of the others we think of as outsiders. We need to practice radical hospitality, warmly and truly welcoming even those we would prefer not to love. It's difficult, it really is, and it is not something that happens overnight, or that we perfect on our own, but Christ makes it possible. That is the Epiphany message.

So what it really comes down to today, the question I would like you to consider is, what can I do about that? How can I work on that? Well, did you ever notice that sometimes when you try to teach or show someone something, you end up understanding it better yourself? There is a very old saying, I don't know where it came from, but it says that you never truly know what you believe until as a parent you try to teach it to your child.

Jesus came as the Light of the World, to dispel the darkness that we live in, to lead the way. But it does not stop there. Part of our epiphany, our illuminating discovery, is that many places in scripture Jesus also refers to US as the light of the world. Matthew 5:14, YOU are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before everyone so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. It is not enough just to come out of your own darkness; once you do, you become a reflection of the light that brought you out. There may not be a star in the east, but there is plenty of light reflected onto us, believers, forgiven sinners, lost and now found, receivers of new life. And as we work and live in that light, those around us will see it. They will see that the things we do and say, the way we live our lives, the priorities we set, the way we treat each other, the way we treat strangers, is something more than just for our own glory. Jesus' light, reflected on us and our lives, then leads others and the glory is given to God. And the wonderful thing is, the more ways in which we reflect that light, the farther we go on our own spiritual journeys, the more we discover about our own faith, our own beliefs. And this is both as individuals and as congregations.

I am into lighthouses and have been for a number of years. I have a collection of them, and I visit them intentionally when traveling. Someone asked me once just what was so special about lighthouses. Well, I not

only find them fascinating historically, but I am drawn to them theologically. They represent a light in the darkness, a light that leads away from danger to safety. In the past I actually climbed to the top of two of them. At the lighthouse in the state of Oregon, I stood next to the Fresnel lens at the very top. It is amazing to see that the light bulb inside is quite small. It is a series of facets in the lens itself and some mirrors that surround the lens that create the bright light that is strong enough to lead ships to safety on a dark sea, not the light bulb all by itself. I am reminded that by ourselves, we are like the single bulb inside that lens, a light capable of doing quite a bit, but together, like the facets and mirrors, we can dispel a huge amount of darkness in our world.

What can we do about the message of Epiphany? We can do like the Wise Men did: seek Jesus, follow the light in faith, bring our gifts, worship the Lord born to be our Savior, listen to God's plans for us and then carry them out. Show the people whom you see that the light you follow, the light that they see reflected in you, can be reflected in them. Help them to have an Epiphany moment, an AHA experience as they discover that Jesus came for them too, no matter who they are, where they have been or what they have done. Let your light shine so that all may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Do it one-on-one, do it together as St. Paul UCC. Then you will begin to understand the rest of the story, the real message of Epiphany. We do not have the star as a sign today pointing to Christ, but if we are alert there are many signs of his presence. Once you are intentional about shining your light, you will see lives changed from sorrow to joy with the hope that faith offers. Once you do service in the name of Christ, you will see service done by others in Christ's name. You will see new life through the forgiveness of sin, yours and others. These are signs which are present every day, all pointing us to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. In John 14:12, Jesus tells his disciples, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the work that I do..." In Jesus Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us. With the birth of our Lord, the kingdom of God has begun to break into our world. God's abundant and eternal life, promised to all God's people, has now intervened in our history. And while its fullness is not yet realized it has begun and will come to be. So,

“Arise, shine all you Christian people.” Take the light into your world that you might glorify your father who is in heaven.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: Prosperity is ours, how shall we share it? The riches of our land far surpass the resources of the visitors from the east who came to worship the infant Jesus. As they opened their treasure chests, may we open our wallets and our lives in expressions of thanksgiving and commitment. We are invited to join the Magi at the feet of Christ, offering whatever gifts are entrusted to us. May this offering be an expression of our priorities.

DOXOLOGY/CAROL *In the Bleak Midwinter*

What can I off - er poor as I am?
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what can I off - er: all of my heart.

WORDS: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst (1874-1934)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We bring our wealth to praise you, God. All the riches of our abundance you have provided. We share the joy of the Magi, for we have seen the star and known the joy of giving. Use these gifts and the gift of our very lives to open the riches of Christ for all to experience. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Leader: God is with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Leader: God of shining glory you poured your light upon us that the whole world might come to you and live in joy. Yet we choose the shadows, hiding your Good News and hoarding it. With the rising of Christ's star, you call us like the Magi, to seek you anew and worship you. And so we join the company of heaven and earth saying,

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Glory be to you, O God most high.

Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your child Jesus Christ. In Jesus, you took on human form. Today we celebrate the revealing of your Incarnation: to visitors from afar seeking a king; to those beyond the community of Israel, even to the whole world; and to your church down through the ages. Throughout life on earth, Jesus continued to reveal your presence. The glory of your presence and its power to transform our lives was given form and substance in the meal Jesus gave us: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take; this is my body. Then Jesus took a cup and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying, "This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for you." For your love, which is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and offer ourselves to you as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ was promised, Christ was born, Christ will dwell among us

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup that they may reveal your presence to us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here that we may reveal your presence in the world.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen

BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison) We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, our homes, our places of work and leisure that we may be the servant people of the servant Christ, a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. We rejoice to pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Arise Your Light Is Come!

Arise, Your Light Is Come! 231

N.C. A D A D A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D#m7(b5) E $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION: You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that others may see the good things you do and glorify God. God is with us now and always, go in peace.

***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

You are invited to pass the peace of Christ with others in your household. If you are at home alone, we encourage you to write a note, call a friend and pass Christ's peace in creative ways this week.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Janice Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family.

Attendance-Online-Daily Devotions Avg.-123, December 20-Sunday Worship-383, Sunday School-139

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky or Pastor Dee Monday-Friday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Zoom Bible Study resumes Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:30pm. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on or logging onto:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88640093949?pwd=ZllqSDBpZzdzZi9LT0d6SThwbltZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 4009 3949

Passcode: 344973

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January Book Club-All are welcome to join St. Paul Church's January Book Club set for Sunday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss Gail Tsukiyama's book *Women of the Silk*. Copies of the book can be picked up at the church office or you can contact the church office if you need a copy sent or delivered to you. All are welcome. Zoom information: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89039130630?pwd=akg3STIJbXRFWWE9CSXE5M3hjZXBrUT09>

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Sunday January 3, 10 and 17-Sunday School will be via Facebook Live beginning at 9:00am. **Worship**-will be via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday January 24 and 31-Sunday School** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am. **Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

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.

2021 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. To sign up for the date(s) you would like. Please call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. The box is locked and will be checked often. Thank you!

Blessing Pantry-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door 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, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Napkins, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Diapers (size 1, 4, 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bath/Hand Soap, Hand & Body Lotion, Tampons & Panty Liners, Cleaning Supplies, Storage Bags, Garbage Bags and Pet Food. **Thank you!** There is a metal can outside the East Educational Building door for donations.

Senior Food Boxes: Coming to New Bremen is a new program for our area, Western Ohio Food Bank, offers a food box for those over 60 years of age, who meet Federal Guidelines. It is a monthly program which serves as a supplement to your monthly food supply. If you are over 60 and interested in this program, please contact Larry Kuhn.

January/February Upper Rooms-have arrived! They are available at the East entrance to the education building. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Offering Envelopes-if you haven't received your 2021 offering envelopes, they are available for pickup inside the East door of the Educational building.

E-Giving @ St. Paul
3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048
St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

**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.
Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring
or refund to cancel this donation.