

MAY GOD
BLESS YOU
TO WALK
FOREVER IN FAITH
IN HOPE
AND LOVE

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

Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-Covid-19 is a respiratory illness that causes flu-like symptoms including fever, vomiting and difficulty breathing. Good hygiene helps prevent the spread not only of coronavirus but also of colds and flu! **Stay home if you are sick.** Sneeze/cough into the crook of your elbow or a tissue, not your hand. **Wash immediately or use hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.** Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

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

Please fill out worship cards located in the pews and place in offering plate as you exit. It is very important these cards are filled out by everyone who is here in case we need to contact you. Thank you!!!!

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 Packets containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Please take the whole packet home with you. Thank you!

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

The * indicates all who are able may stand

July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Pastor Dee Schroer

Cheyenne Olt

Dick Hudson

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

GATHERING MUSIC

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Backpack Plus

For our July Mission, we are joining the other New Bremen congregations in collecting money for the Backpack Plus program. This program will supply 30+ area students with the supplies they need to start the school year off on the right foot. The average book bag costs anywhere between 75-100 dollars to fill. There are area families that cannot afford this exorbitant cost. The program is called Backpack Plus because not only will the money help fill backpacks, it will be used to offset the cost of school fees, pay for school lunches, help purchase school spirit t-shirts for kids, help pay for 8th-grade students Washington DC trips, PLUS more! With your donations to this month's mission, the Backpack Plus program will purchase backpacks and school supplies to pass out to those families in need. Any extra money they receive above the cost of backpacks and supplies will be used throughout the year to help students in the manners mentioned previously. We will be collecting money

throughout the entire month of July. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your compassion. The Mission Team.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

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

(adapted from Chalice Worship; Chalice Press, 1997)

Leader: Whether gathered or scattered, we share in a covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

People: Whether gathered or scattered, we approach the table of the Lord to celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Leader: Whether gathered or scattered, we remember our baptism into Christ by which we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

People: Whether gathered or scattered, let us worship the Maker of heaven and earth to whom be blessing and glory and honor forever!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but often we live as if that makes no difference. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN:

O God, you gave us a garden of Eden and we chose to wander in deserts of our own making. You gave us the Light of the world and we chose to do our night-crawling. Forgive us our squandering, our wandering, our lack of commitment. Forget not your covenant with us, O God, and choose us still to tell your good news that all might know your justice and peace. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

People: Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

For the next few weeks we will be talking about how beautiful the world is and everything and everyone in it! We will be on a “search for beauty”—seeing what we can find every week to help us notice more beauty and to make more beauty.

If you are at home, look outside to find a tree or living plant. For those of you worshiping in the sanctuary, I brought a tree to share.

In the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, we hear of a tree that is taller than all the other trees, its branches are home to many birds and it is nourished by the deep waters of an underground spring: a Cedar of Lebanon.

Let us water our tree. If you are at home, you are welcome to water a plant that is either inside or outside.

Trees get thirsty just like we do. It is so good to be able to get what we need to feel good and to give what we can so that others have what they need. This is the beauty of life.

Let us pray: God of goodness, we thank you for water. We thank you for life. Help us to give life to all for the beauty of the earth. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Worshipping via Facebook Live and In Person!!!!

Concerns:

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

O God, be present among us, for the sake of all human beings on earth. Open our eyes that we may see the salvation that is in you, and reveal yourself to a blind humanity. SILENCE

Make your face shine upon those stricken with disease; give them your strength and your peace. Pour upon them your healing power and presence. Remind them they are not alone. SILENCE

We lift up to you those who are struggling: with poverty, with hunger, with homelessness, with addiction, with mental health issues. Prod us to be part of the solution to their needs. SILENCE

We lift up to you those who have no want of physical needs, but are experiencing anxiety, fear, anger and distress. Be a soothing balm, O God. Move us to offer to you thanksgiving and praise—particularly when it is difficult. SILENCE

We pray for those who face discrimination daily: due to the color of their skin or who they love. Remind them (and remind us!) that all are created in your image and are precious in your sight. SILENCE

On this national holiday weekend, we pray for our nation. We pray for our leaders, our teachers, our health care workers, our first responders. Fill us not with your might, but with your humility that we might serve one another in love. SILENCE

O God, we pray for ourselves: for far too often we stumble, we fumble, we fall. Pick us up. Bandage our wounds. Envelop us with your grace. SILENCE

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

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: Job 40:1-9 (NRSV)

And the Lord said to Job:

² *“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
Anyone who argues with God must respond.”*

³ *Then Job answered the Lord:*

⁴ *“See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.*

⁵ *I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
twice, but will proceed no further.”*

⁶ *Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:*

⁷ *“Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you declare to me.*

⁸ *Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be justified?*

⁹ *Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like his?*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 42:1-17 (NRSV)

Then Job answered the Lord:

² *“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

³ *‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.*

⁴ *‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’*

⁵ *I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;*

⁶ *therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”*

⁷ After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. ⁸ Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.” ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

I think it was in the 1990’s that I first heard the phrase “paradigm shift.” It is the internal awakening that the way we have viewed the world might not really be what is going on around us. For many white people in America, we have been experiencing a paradigm shift these past few weeks as we have taken the time to genuinely listen to our black and brown brothers and sisters about how systemic racism affects their lives. Another paradigm shift has happened with covid19. We huggers and

handshakers have had to reel back our enthusiasm in order to keep those around us safe and healthy. We've all needed to wear masks to protect those we love AND those whose names we do not know but encounter at the grocery store, the coffee shop or in the doctor's office.

On this fifth and final week of Job, we recognize that Job has experienced a paradigm shift. A huge paradigm shift. Remember the first week of Job: a man righteous in the eyes of God and humankind was stricken in the worst ways possible: death of all his children, loss of all his livestock and a sickness that covered him with sores. In his agony, Job lamented not only the day he had been born, but the day he had been conceived. Three of Job's friends showed up, initially to console their friend, but ultimately they told him he must have done something wrong to have earned such a dismal life.

Much of the book of Job is Job answering his friends by crying out to God. Much of Job is prayers of lament aimed at God. But let me be clear: despite the death of his children, loss of his wealth and health, Job never cursed God.

Today, as we wrap up this sermon series on Job, we have come to the paradigm shift. Or, to put it into theological terms, we have come to the moment of Job's epiphany: the transformation of his heart and mind.

So how did this happen?

In our first reading from today, a short piece from Job, chapter 40, Job finally (finally!!!) tells God that he (Job) needs to shut up and listen. He needs to stop railing AT God and begin listening to what God has to say.

And what does God say? God tells Job—who is sitting on an ash heap, picking at his sores with a broken piece of pottery—that he needs to stop whining and face God Almighty. Job, up until this moment, felt as if God had stacked the world against him. God, however, reminds Job that his justice is much greater and more awesome than the justice we might seek in a court of law: in which there is a winner and a loser for every case. In the Hebrew, one of the words for justice is mishpat. Scholars generally agree that the Hebrew understanding of mishpat/of justice includes both God's judgment AND God's mercy.

Biblical scholar David Doty argues that biblical justice is a two-edged sword—that includes judgment and mercy. As God speaks to Job of

justice, Job seems to realize that he had only been focusing on God's judgment without taking into account God's mercy, God's grace, God's love.

We have all had terrible things happen in our lives—and far too often we want to foist the blame for our suffering onto God. And perhaps this is one of those paradigm shifts: God/Yahweh/Lord of the Universe is NOT zapping you or your loved ones with ill health, with broken relationships, with poor finances. Cancer happens. Car accidents happen. Relationships fall apart. We will experience in this lifetime pain, suffering and, at times, despair. But that is NOT the whole story. We will also experience in this lifetime mercy, grace, peace, joy and love. In today's first reading from Job, God's speech is literally knitting Job's life back together. God's words provide a balm of comfort and a hope for tomorrow. When we, in the United Church of Christ, affirm that God is Still Speaking, we are acknowledging that the Creator of the Universe has words of mercy and healing for you, for me, for the entire human family in these chaotic and broken times.

Theologian Frederick Buechner has written a delightful, somewhat tongue-in-cheek essay about Job. Rev. Buechner retells the story of Job with a light-hearted touch, but when the paradigm shift/the epiphany happens, Buechner goes directly to the heart of the story. In Job 4:3-5, we hear these words from Job: *Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful to me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.*

Did you catch the shift there? Up until that moment in his life, Job had been praising and thanking God, but he had NOT experienced the indescribable glory of God. This is what Frederick Buechner says of that moment, "But now it was no longer a matter of hearing descriptions of God, because he finally had heard and seen for himself. Job had seen the great glory so shot through with sheer, fierce light and life and gladness, had heard the great voiced raised in song so full of terror and wildness and beauty, that from that moment on nothing else mattered."

And what a gift God's revealed glory was to Job! From that moment on, Job was never the same. There are times when life rolls that way.

Even in the depths of agony, despair, brokenness, illness and death, sometimes something inexplicable happens—we have a powerful God-moment—an epiphany—in which we see our suffering (and God!) in a new light. A moment filled with light and love and grace that we cannot help but fall to our knees in praise.

In 1984, artist and musician Leonard Cohen wrote a song called, “Hallelujah” that speaks to this call to praise in the midst of brokenness and pain. With biblical (and, at times, sexual) overtones, the song has become a classic now recorded by a myriad of musicians. What began as a song with 80 (yes! 80!) verses, was distilled to 5 verses whose lyrics and melody continue to haunt and inspire.

The final verse of Cohen’s piece has a line that speaks to the ending of the book of Job: that sometimes love is a cold and broken Hallelujah. Really. The book of Job ends with God restoring all of Job’s fortunes: new children, new land, new employees, new wealth. Yet, we who have experienced great pain and brokenness know this: even when we have turned the corner on our grief, even when life moves us toward light and love, we still carry loss in our hearts. Sometimes love IS a cold and broken Hallelujah—and the book of Job affirms that love and life and joy CAN happen after great loss and despair. The book of Job affirms that no matter what, God is present with us.

Again: let me be clear: Job is a fictional account written and included in the Old Testament to answer the question of suffering. (See last week’s sermon for that!). God does not play games with Satan (the Accuser) to zap us humans on earth. In this imperfect world, things fall apart. Sickness happens. Death takes us unprepared. Brokenness abounds.

The book of Job also affirms that justice and mercy and love will have the final say. God is in charge. (We are not!) We might only have an occasional paradigm shift/epiphany throughout our lifetimes, but if we are paying attention, those moments of grace, those foretastes of heaven, will sustain us now and for all our days to come.

Friends: Open your ears that you might hear the cries of our brothers and sisters. Open your eyes that you might see God’s glory.

And when you do experience God’s glory, fall to your knees in thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Hallelujah* (YouTube.com; search: Shrek *Hallelujah* Lyrics)

*I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this
The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne, she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Maybe I've been here before
I know this room, I've walked this floor
I used to live alone before I knew you
I've seen your flag on the marble arch
Love is not a victory march
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
There was a time you'd let me know
What's real and going on below
But now you never show it to me do you?
And remember when I moved in you?
The holy dark was moving too
And every breath we drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Maybe there's a God above
And all I ever learned from love
Was how to shoot at someone who outdrew you
It's not a cry you can hear at night
It's not somebody who's seen the light
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: God tells us over and over in the Bible not to be afraid. Our gifts this morning are one way that we trust God even in a world that keeps telling us to be afraid. We let go of thinking that we are on our own, and live each day in graceful dependence on God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (adapted from Worship Ways: Worship Resources for The United Church of Christ. The Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti. Copyright 2006, Local Church Ministries, Worship and Education Team)

INVITATION

Leader: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

People: Life that never ends!

Leader: Here and now, Christ feeds the world!

People: Plenty for all, enough for today!

Leader: Come to the table of justice and joy!

People: No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!

Leader: Let praise go up to God our Life!

People: From every creature on God's good earth!

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

How right it is to praise you, Gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors—one people in many kinds—and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted us to your justice and your joy. But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other's hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of mercy, you restored us to each other and to you. Mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us—pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you! And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

REMEMBERING JESUS

Leader: And now, O God, we remember Jesus. (Silence)

Leader: We remember that he forgave our sins.

People: He breathed on us the peace of God.

Leader: We remember that he called us friends.

People: He taught us to love each other as he loved us.

Leader: We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends.

People: To eat with him was to taste how good you are, O God. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the night of betrayal and desertion, just took the loaf. And after offering thanks, he broke it saying, "This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader: Take and eat!

Leader: After supper on that same night, Jesus took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it for the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: Take and drink.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (standing)

Leader: Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

People: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbor, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING

God Be with You

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God Be with You

Chords: Db, Db/F, Ab, Db, Gb, Gb/Db, Db

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-lect - ing hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per - ils should con-found you,

Chords: Ab, Ab7, Db, Gb/Db, Db, Db/F, Ebm7, Gb, Db, Ab, Ab7, Db

with his sheep se-cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
dai - ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)
MUSIC: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.9.8.

*BENEDICTION: The world is so varied and beautiful. Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found. And may the goodness of the Creator, the companionship of Christ, and the insight of the Holy Spirit infuse your life now and always. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: *Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.*
 Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7

Staff 2: *Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in___ ev - 'ry way.*
 Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C

Staff 3: *Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.*
 Chords: Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C

Staff 4: *Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our___ God.*
 Chords: Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us share in the joy of the Lord by passing the Peace of Christ with one another.

As the ushers are dismissing you, let us pass the peace of Christ with each other, while maintaining our 6 ft physical distance. Direct eye contact, loving words, and a warm smile are as meaningful as a traditional handshake or hug.

RECESSIONAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Shirley Schaefer by Dale, Brenda, Donna and Families.

Attendance-Online-Daily Devotions Weekly Avg.-126, June 21-Sunday Worship Online-219, In Person-52

Blessing Pantry-is open 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm Monday-Friday and 5:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday's. All Donations Welcome-Thank you! We have placed a metal can outside the East Educational Building door for donations.

Building Entrance-St. Paul is accessible by the East Educational Building door, Monday-Friday 10:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please ring the doorbell, wait outside the doors so staff may assist you. We are currently taking everyone's temperature, asking you to sanitize hands and shoes. Thank you!

Mailbox-We have installed 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!

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

Ushers Needed-Myra Hanenkratt, our Senior Deacon, is still seeking ushers for in-person worship. If this is something you are willing to do, please contact her at 419-305-3652.

July/August Upper Rooms-have arrived! They are available at the East entrance to the education building and on Sunday's in the Sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Worship Schedule for July

Sunday's in July-we will be worshipping via Facebook Live and in person in our sanctuary at 10:15.

Thursday July 2nd is the July 5th Communion Pick up from 5:30pm-6:30pm Herman St. side of the building. If you are unable to get out, but would still like communion, please contact the church office (419-629-2502) and we'll do our best to arrange delivery to your home.

Office Closed-The Church Office and Blessing Pantry will be closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6 for the 4th of July holiday.

Meetings-Mission Team will meet Sunday, July 12 after worship in the Sanctuary. **Church Council** will meet Tuesday, July 14 in the Assembly Room. **Worship Team** will meet Sunday, July 19 after worship in the Sanctuary.

Coffee with Pastor Becky-To keep social distancing guidelines, Pastor Becky plans to be at the St. Paul Playground Shelter House on **Mondays July 13, 20, 27** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Becky will provide coffee, water (and possibly) homemade snacks. All are welcome!

Thursday Evening Vespers-Thursday's at 6:30pm, Pastors Dee and Becky will host Thursday Evening Vespers. Vespers are traditionally an evening prayer service. We gather via the online site called Zoom. **Now through August 6**, to join the Zoom meeting, you can click on or log onto this website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89695161435?pwd=NEswVE5tZGhOd3YzS3ZJV25TeVh1dz09>

*If you would like an email version of this to make logging on easier, simply email Pastor Becky: berbstrang@stpaulnb.org

Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

Meeting ID: 896 9516 1435 Password: 407351

The plan is for us to check in with one another, hear scripture, and pray together each week. Any questions? Contact Pastor Becky

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 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.