

October 19, 2020

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Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Blessings to you during these autumn days!

This coming Sunday in worship, October 25, we will pause to remember those who have died in the past year as part of our All Saints worship. Candles will be lit during our in-person worship and families are invited to take home a white carnation in memory of their loved ones.

This Sunday also begins a four-week stewardship series. Pastor Becky will focus her sermons on four topics: care for earth/others, tithing, sacrificial giving and Christian stewardship. In coming weeks, you will receive your pledge cards and further instructions. This is the gift of Christian stewardship: we give in joyful response to God's presence in our lives. We invite you prayerfully to consider how your financial giving to St. Paul Church is a reflection of your Christian journey.

You do not need to wait until the end of the stewardship season to give. Each week in this packet, we include an envelope for your financial offering to St. Paul. We encourage you to give generously in order that we might serve our community in extravagant ways.

Looking ahead, we will have our Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6 following worship to vote on the slate of council nominees and approve the 2021 budget. Further information will be sent out well in advance of the December 6 meeting.

The Blessing Pantry's hours have changed to keep us in compliance with our partnership with West Ohio Food Bank. You and our neighbors can access the Pantry Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. via the north education building doors.

The church office will be closed on Friday afternoons beginning this week. Please contact us prior to noon on Fridays.

We thank you for your faithfulness to God as it manifests itself in the many ministry and mission opportunities at St. Paul. We thank God for you each and every day.

Grace and Peace,



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OCTOBER 25, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Christians form intimate communities of care.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-18	Love your neighbor as yourself
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Paul's life and work
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Moses is buried in Moab
Thursday	Psalms 90:1-17	God is eternal
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-25	Encourage one another
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. **1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, you call us to love you and our neighbor. Give us courage to see beyond our own needs so we can see the needs of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with your living word, we thank you for feeding us with this gift of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe that you may meditate on God's word day and night. (Psalm 1:2, 6)



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OCTOBER 25, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold, How Pleasant



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who do you turn to in times of personal need? Why?
- Life can feel lonely at times. How do you overcome the sense of loneliness?
- The Christian community is present to love the world and to care for brothers and sisters in the faith. Talk or think about how Christians care for you.

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8.

Paul cares deeply for the church in Thessalonica. He says that Silvanus, Timothy, and he (1:1) care for the people "like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children" (2:7). Later he would add the metaphor of a father caring for his children (2:11). Paul and his missionary friends model a way of life for the church that deeply cares for the people. It reflects part of Jesus' Great Commandment that states, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). The heart of a biblical and Christian way of life is seen in the Great Commandment and in the way Paul and his friends model that love through an intimate care of others. Today different forms of small group ministries in the church seek to live in caring community through prayer, caring and supportive conversations (including correcting one another—see Leviticus 19:17), serving the needs of one another, and celebrating life together with a variety of rich and meaningful Christian rituals and traditions. How do you benefit from the love and care of the Christian community? How do you contribute to the care of other Christians?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for your parental care that feeds us and protects us. Give us the faith to care for and feed others with your love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

The theme throughout the daily Bible readings this week is that Christians form intimate communities of care. How are you part of a Christian community that shows care for one another? In what ways do you serve each other's needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer, passing the peace, and blessing others are Christian traditions. Make a list of Christian traditions done in your congregation. What Christian traditions do you practice or would you like to do in your home? Think about the impact this can have on your faith and that of others in your home.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



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

Welcome! Your presence whether online or in person increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-Covid-19 is a respiratory illness. 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.** On July 23 Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship. Masks are essential to help keep those around us safe. Thank You for cooperating.

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!

Thank you Lynda Goodwin for serving in the Nursery Sunday! The Nursery is located on the east end of the south hallway in the educational building.

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

October 25, 2020
All Saints Sunday

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Pastor Dee Schroer
Cheyenne Olt

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Accompanist/Vocalist

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

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

No Matter

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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: In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..." There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

People: O God, call us together as you did those long ago to discover your blessed people.

Leader: Today, in this place, Christ gathers us.

People: Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints

verses 1 & 6

For All the Saints

Unison, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.

G Cmaj7 D7 Em G/B C G/B Am D G

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou,
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through

D/F# A7/E D G/B D/F# Gmaj7 A7 D D/C

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

G/B C G/B Am7 G G/F# C/E D/F# G G/B D

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

G/B G7 C Am7 G/B Em C G/B Am7 G/B Dsus D7 G

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We break open the shells of our lives in the presence of God's love. We come now in confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people—courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost child, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and others again and again. In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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

THANKSGIVING LITANY FOR THE BLESSED ONES

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man." Jesus named the blessed ones. On this day of remembrance, let us recall and give thanks for those blessed ones who have gone before us:

Dianne Komminsk	October 15, 2019
Jay L. Sharp	November 2, 2019
JoAlice M. (Kuenning) Nieter	December 28, 2019
Michael W. Bushman	January 29, 2020
Ann D. (Meiring) Hirschfeld	February 4, 2020
Douglas F. Harrod	March 13, 2020
Edward F. H. Dicke	March 21, 2020
Marie M. Kitzmiller	April 1, 2020
Eric A. Kuenning	April 5, 2020
Michael A. Dicke	June 10, 2020
Russ A. Wiedeman	June 22, 2020
Joyce E. Piper	June 28, 2020
Lance L. Lear	July 8, 2020
Kenneth D. Mueller	August 9, 2020
LaRue H. Dicke	August 11, 2020
Levi Oaks	September 13, 2020
Zelta M. Fogt	September 18, 2020
Rosemary C. Heitkamp	October 2, 2020

Members, family, and friends are invited to light candles in remembrance of the blessed ones.

Leader: Let us pray: Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

People: O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

HYMN OF PROMISE

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

DEATH & LIFE ETERNAL

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Hymn of Promise

Unison F Gm7
F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7
F C7
F F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7
G F
A Dm Gm6 A7

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7
G F
A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb
F F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Birth Candle welcomes Macie James Barlage born Tuesday, October 20, 2020 to Jeff & Mandi Barlage. She is the granddaughter of Cheryl & Roger Barlage.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Janet and Bob Eilerman, Emmy Lou Quellhorst, Theresa Joyce, Deb Lear, Jan Dammeyer, Drew Wray, and Pastor Dee Schroer.

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

Let us pray. God we thank you that you are present with us when we mourn and when we rejoice. We thank you that you have gathered our loved ones, the saints who have gone before us into your loving embrace and to your welcome table. SILENCE

We thank you, compassionate God, that you hear the prayer of every heart: those who rejoice at a baby's new birth and those whose hearts hold sorrow at great loss. SILENCE

We thank you, compassionate God, that you abide with those who are grateful when their work meets with success and those who suffer because no work can be found. SILENCE

We thank you, compassionate God, that you do not abandon those who are bored, not having enough to do; nor do you abandon those who are exhausted from working long hours. SILENCE

We thank you, compassionate God, that you call as your own those who are surrounded by the love of family and friends and those who are lonely. SILENCE

We thank you, compassionate God, for this weekend we have set aside to remember those who have died in this past year. Pour your comforting Spirit upon all who mourn. SILENCE

We pray, O God, for all who are sick, all who are recovering from surgery or are facing surgery. We pray for all who received catastrophic diagnoses this week. We pray for all who are in need of your gentle, healing touch. SILENCE

We thank you for hearing us in every situation in life, for we all play each of these roles sooner or later. Help us to support one another, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. We

want to be joined together as members of the Body of Christ, in unity loving one another and serving the world. SILENCE

We want, like Jesus, to respond to each person who crosses our path this coming week with sensitivity and compassion.

We pray all of this with the prayer Jesus taught us... **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: Genesis 1:26-31 (NRSV)

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17 (NRSV)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

RESPONSE

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

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

MEDITATION

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

The Day of the Dead (in Spanish Dia de Muertos) is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and by people of Mexican heritage throughout the world. This multiday holiday includes family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died and to help the dead along in their spiritual journey.

Long before Spain invaded and colonized what is now Mexico, Day of the Dead was part of the Aztec religion—celebrated at the beginning of the summer. After colonization and the arrival of the Roman Catholic Church, the holiday was Christianized and moved to October 31 (All Saints' Eve), November 1 (All Saints' Day), and November 2 (All Souls' Day). Part of the celebrations for the Day of the Dead include creating home altars, honoring the dead with marigold flowers and candy skulls, and visiting the graves of loved ones in order to decorate them and leave flowers, candy, food and drink. Children who have died are typically honored on a different day than adults who have died. Toys are left at the gravesides of children and tequila or other libations for adults.

People begin planning Day of the Dead celebrations a year in advance as families prepare to gather and honor their dead. Families gather to eat their loved ones' favorite foods, to share sugar skulls with one another, and to even read humorous poetry about the deceased. Some people believe that the spirits of the deceased can enjoy the "spiritual essence" of the foods. In some parts of Mexico, blankets and pillows are put out to allow the deceased to rest after their long journeys. And depending on the region of Mexico you are from, you might either stay at your loved one's grave all night or throw a picnic with relatives at a gravesite.

I have a confession to make. I struggled mightily to put together this sermon. I was having a most difficult time in my heart and mind tying together All Saints Day with the beginning of the stewardship season. Then I remembered reading about Day of the Dead in Barbara Kingsolver's novel Animal Dreams, and my imagination grew wings.

For here is the truth of this day: whether you are worshiping with us online or in person, today is the day we have set aside at St. Paul Church to remember and honor our dead. Very few of us today will go to the cemetery to enjoy a picnic with our deceased loved ones, but our own ritual of lighting candles in memory of loved ones can offer similar comfort.

While we count our losses as a congregation, we are so incredibly mindful today of those who have died throughout our community, our nation and the world due to this deadly pandemic. We are mindful of all who are grieving the death of loved ones—knowing full well that many of these beloved ones died alone in hospitals or nursing homes. For many throughout the world, those final good-byes did not happen in person, so those who are grieving are carrying an extra burden of guilt and loss.

This is where Day of the Dead fits in. How might you find comfort in the midst of loss if you cooked up a meal that your loved one enjoyed? Would you find comfort in writing a poem in remembrance? Would you be willing to build an altar, even if for a day or two, in memory of your loved one?

Mexico's Day of the Dead reminds each of us that those who have gone before us are still very much with us in spirit. We are invited to set aside a day or two to remember, to celebrate the gift each one was to us, and to celebrate the gift their memory provides to us even today.

What also captured my imagination about Day of the Dead is the incredible care we, the living, are called to show to the dead AND to the living. Day of the Dead was never intended to be a morbid celebration of death. It was meant to be a joyful celebration of family and friends coming together to care for both the gravesites of loved ones AND to care for each other.

Our readings today from Genesis harken back to both creation stories: in the first story God's creation of humankind and our call to care for creation and in the second story to care for the earth. Friends, that kind of care translates well into a stewardship message. As beloved children created in God's image, we are challenged to steward well that which is on loan to us: our possessions, our families, our friends, and our finances.

Did you hear me? All the blessings that are ours are merely on loan to us. Your land, your home, your possessions and even the contents of your bank account are yours to cultivate, tend and harvest/share with others. As we move into St. Paul's stewardship season, we are reminded that all that we have, all that we are, all that we do, comes to us by the grace of God. We are called NOT to hoard that which we claim as ours. For it is ultimately not ours. We are called to share and care and give of our time, our talents, our possessions and our bank accounts extravagantly.

Over the next few weeks you are encouraged to consider what portion of your financial blessings you want to prayerfully give back to God by way of the many ministries and missions of St. Paul. You are encouraged to consider what tangible ways you want to thank God for your blessings: health and home, family and friends, faith and wonder and joy. All Saints Day serves as a reminder that we have been blessed in extraordinary ways by those who have gone before us. Day of the Dead reminds us that we are called to care for both the living and the dead: not just for a few days a year, but every day for the rest of our lives.

The Buddha once said, *Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.* This week I challenge you to find ways to share your happiness, your joy, your blessings with others. Included among those blessings is the gift of those who have gone before us.

A common symbol of the Day of the Dead is the skull (in Spanish calavera), which is represented in masks and foods such as sugar or chocolate skulls. During this holiday, sugar skulls, in particular, are to be given to both the dead and the living. In your pews you have sugar skull lollipops: and you should have more than are people seated with you. This week, eat one of those lollipops as you remember and celebrate someone in your life who has joined the heavenly banquet.

Then, share the extra lollipops with someone who is grieving. Let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Remind them that the dead belong to God and have been welcomed into Jesus' loving arms. Friends: this week share your love, your blessings and your sugar skulls with others. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: All the rules and laws of our faith can be summed up in the law of love for God and for one another. Everything hangs on that: the law of love. We don't just talk about love here at St. Paul Church, we bring it to life in ministry. We offer hospitality. We feed our neighbors. We welcome all. In all these things we worship and love God and we offer our love to our neighbors. This is what this ministry, and our gifts, are all about, and all of it hangs on love. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

For gifts of hope, O God, we give you thanks. Enable us to see—in the places we live and work and go to school—the desperate and obvious needs of some and the silent, hardly noticeable needs of others. Then strengthen our hearts to respond to what we discover. In Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING

Rejoice in God's Saints

verses 1 & 4

Rejoice in God's Saints

531

G D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ D G

1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;

D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

B Em $\frac{F\#m7(b5)}{E}$ $\frac{B}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

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

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

*BENEDICTION: Friends, go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*
Pass the Love

$\text{♩} = 95$

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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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Church Calendar-October 25-October 31, 2020

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
	2:00pm	Book Club viz Zoom
	4:30-6:30	Trunk-R-Treat
Monday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop w/Rev. Becky
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	6:00pm-6:45pm	Jr High Youth Group
	6:30pm	Confirmation (In Person)
	7:00pm-7:45pm	Sr High Youth Group
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	6:30pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Duane Hartwig & Loved Ones by Barb & Mike Holdren.

Attendance-Online-Daily Devotions Avg.-83, October 11-Sunday Worship Online-250, In Person-58, Sunday School-19 students, 6 teachers, Splash-3 students, 2 teachers, October 14-Confirmation-12 students, 4 leaders. Jr/Sr High Youth-7, 1 leader.

Blessing Pantry-is located in its original space 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 - Thank you!** There is a metal can outside the East Educational Building door for donations.

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!

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.

Coffee with Pastor Becky-Monday's from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. at NB Coffee Co. All are Welcome!!!!

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 or the church office.

Sunday's in October-Sunday School will be in person beginning at 9:00am. **Worship**-we will be worshipping via Facebook Live and in person in our sanctuary at 10:15am.

Zoom Bible Study- Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on or logging onto:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88567175194?pwd=K2FBaGYzRUpaRElWtjc4Q1Y4b3UrUT09> Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

Meeting ID: 885 6717 5194 Passcode: 229014

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

October Book Club is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss Gavin Edwards book *Kindness and Wonder Why Mister Rogers Matters Now More Than Ever*. 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8282977256?pwd=YIE0UWFEdlhtOHpsWEVJT2hNSDR4Zz09> Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

Meeting ID: 828 297 7256 Passcode: 2zbqqg

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Trunk-R-Treat-Do you like to pass out candy to Trick-or-Treater's but do not get many visitors at your house for Halloween? Well.... bring your candy, a lawn chair, decorate your trunk, dress up and head to the East parking lot in front of the Sanctuary & Parsonage and join us for Trunk-R-Treat! Sunday October 25 from 4:30-6:30pm All are welcome to participate!!!!

November/December 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.

October Monthly Mission: Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. One third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church justice issues that affect American Indian life. Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with different tribes in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska. There are now 20 UCC churches on reservations. There are many Indians who are members of other UCC churches and CAIM also supports these churches and pastors.

Two thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries in the US. (JWM) supports a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. **In the last two years our own St. Paul received a grant for \$5000.00 from NIN for our Community Garden and for the annual Art Camp.** This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities throughout the US. Please support this all UCC Mission project for the month of October. Thank you for your generous support of another UCC Mission. The Mission Team.

Veteran's Recognition: November 8-Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship services

November 8. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name and service branch. Thank you.

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.

Warm Winter Coat & Gloves Drive

Agape Ministries will once again be collecting
NEW & GENTLY USED WINTER COATS &
NEW WATER PROOF WINTER GLOVES
for those in need.

Coat Drive Dates: September 21 – November 1.

Drop off Coats to the Agape Client Services Building from 9 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

If dropping off at THRIFT STORE, please tell them it is for the coat drive and not to be sold in store.

Items may also be dropped off at St Paul. We will have a designated coat rack available in east hallway of Educational building. Thank you.