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SUNDAY'S NEWS

It's November again! The last of the crops are being harvested from the fields. Soon, we'll be gathering around our Thanksgiving tables. This is also the month that we consider the commitments we will make to God and the church for the coming year. This year's Faith Promise theme asks a question: "What shall we bring?" As we consider our pledges, I thought it might be useful to consider some of the things we have to be thankful for. Here is a start:

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| Family | A warm home |
| Pillows | Books |
| Indoor plumbing | Candles |
| A good night's sleep | Sunsets |
| Laughter | Air conditioning |
| Music | Fireplaces |
| Crockpots | The colors of fall |
| Farmers | Stars in the sky |
| Pets | Slippers |
| Sunshine | Wildflowers |
| Butterflies | Apple dumplings |
| Blankets | Tea |
| Vacuum cleaners | Children |
| Kindness | Porch chairs |
| Libraries | Trees |
| Friends | The ocean |
| Warm gloves | Good ball-point pens |
| Photo albums | Medicine |
| Birds | Happy memories |

But most of all, I am thankful for the HOPE, TRUTH, PEACE, FREEDOM, JOY, and GRACE that can be realized in this life because of the FAITHFULNESS of Jesus Christ and the perfect LOVE of our great God, and for the company of FAITHFUL DISCIPLES like all of you along the way.
Thank you, God.

Peace and blessings, and Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Pastor Becky

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2018



WHAT SHALL WE BRING?

Please join us for worship on Sunday, November 18 as we make our annual Faith Promises to God. Please remember to bring your pledge cards to worship at either 8:15am or 10:15am as we consider our faithful responses to the question, "What shall we bring?" Then, in thanksgiving for the abundance we have to share, please stay for the fellowship dinner after 10:15am worship. Ham, roast beef, dessert, and beverages will be provided. We ask that you bring your table service and a side dish or salad to share. Please sign up in the breezeway if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

ONLINE GIVING

Considering switching to giving electronically in the coming year? Visit our website at www.stpaulucc.com and look for the "Give" icon.

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN

Its that time again to change the clocks. We will fall back on **Sunday, November 4th at 2:00AM**. Remember to change your clocks and check your smoke alarms.

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

In celebration of All-Saints Sunday on November 4th, we remembered the following individuals who passed on to life eternal in the last year:

- Kermit Metzger—January 30, 2018
- Gary Kantner—February 14, 2018
- William (Bill) Method—April 7, 2018
- Willis (Bill) Keller—April 15, 2018
- Nelma Hengstler—June 22, 2018
- Charles (Ed) Lee—July 2, 2018
- William (Bill) Sawmiller—July 11, 2018
- Richard Denny—July 19, 2018
- Robert (Bob) Camper—July 21, 2018
- Kenneth Kohler—July 22, 2018
- Robert Seitz—August 7, 2018
- Jane Rickert—September 19, 2018

2019 God's Creation Calendars

The 2019 God's Creation Calendars have arrived!!!! The pictures for each month are beautiful with a scripture verse that goes along with it. The calendars sell for \$7.00 each and are available in the church office or see Cheryl Short. They will also be available at our Cookie/Candy Walk bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd.



The **Faith Formation Team** will be meeting **Monday, November 5th at 6:00PM.** We will be discussing Heifer Sunday (12/2/18) and activities for the Christmas season. All are welcome!!!!

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL December 2, 2018

We will be having Heifer International on Sunday, December 2nd after the 10:15 service. Please stop over after either service for an animal sugar cookie that our children have decorated. Learn more in the following weeks "How we can help, Pass on the Gift."



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are once again putting together Thanksgiving dinners for the families of God's Storehouse. Please bring in your donations of the following items by **Monday, November 5:**

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy Mix (either in an envelope or can)
- Can of fruit (peaches or peach cocktail)
- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Dessert items (such as cake mix with icing, cookie mix or other dessert mix)
- Dinner rolls (tube)

Cash donations toward meat are also appreciated!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Local residents are invited to attend the free Wapakoneta Community Thanksgiving Dinner, **Thursday, November 22, from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center.** Please use the Blackhoof Street parking lot to access the Parish Life Center. All are welcome.



Our Church Family

With caring thoughts...

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Julie McKenzie, whose husband, **James William Hepler**, passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Julie is a member of St. Paul UCC Bell Choir.

Wedding

Congratulations on the marriage of Austin Steinke & Linnea Stammen on **Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.**

Congratulations on the marriage of Gary Herman & Elaine Crane on **Saturday, October 7, 2018.**

Happy Anniversary!!

N O V E M B E R	11/01/2003	Nathan & Jessie Groh
	11/05/1983	Jim & Jona Limbert
	11/07/1964	Howard & Marilyn Brandehoff
	11/08/1980	Eric & Sandy Truesdale
	11/11/1967	Bill & Peg Schlenker
	11/14/2009	Sean & Jackie Martin
	11/17/1973	Tom & Nancy Hunter
11/20/1966	Bill & Wayna Assenheimer	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our

St. Paul Youth!

November

✓ Zoey Schlenker	11/07/2009
✓ Raine Ingle	11/09/2007
✓ Alena Hoelscher	11/10/2004
✓ Grant Childress	11/13/2004
✓ Zachary Schlenker	11/16/2001
✓ Lauryn Falke	11/18/2008
✓ Deacon Smith	11/19/2005
✓ Rylan Smith	11/21/2011
✓ Kyan Daniels	11/22/2009
✓ Courtney Sutton	11/25/2001
✓ Elizabeth Childress	11/27/2008
✓ Owen Sharp	11/29/2009

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY WISH

10/29/1983 David & Deb Wheeler

(This was skipped in last newsletter)
Sorry David & Deb

Happy Birthday to...

11/01	Wendell Frazier	11/12	Dylan Shaffer	11/23	Carol Fuerst
11/01	Michael Lawrence	11/12	Doris Sunderland	11/25	Travis Limbert
11/02	Brenda Wellington	11/12	Kenny Weber	11/25	Therese Schey
11/03	Judy Schaub	11/12	Seth Leek	11/26	Carl Kogge
11/03	Kayla Lim	11/13	Kim Klein	11/26	Tom Hunter
11/04	Kody Kohler	11/13	Emily Smith	11/27	Wendy Schlenker
11/04	Jan Schlenker	11/13	Johnathon Schlosser	11/27	Nathan Bailey
11/05	Elijah Acheson	11/15	Gwynne Freytag	11/27	Cindy Jurosic
11/06	Trudy Berg	11/16	Jeff Dorner	11/28	John Smith
11/06	Ann Shroyer	11/18	Erin Falke	11/28	Howard Brandehoff
11/07	Rex Thomas	11/19	Joanne Schnell	11/28	John Ferguson
11/08	Ed Bowsher	11/19	Marlene Recob	11/28	Katie Poppe
11/10	Kim Warner	11/19	Jim Limbert	11/29	Kadene Warner
11/10	Monte Berg	11/22	Tyler Bailey	11/30	Bill Schlenker
				11/30	Thomas Bailey



Meetings and Events

PEACE VIGIL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the WWI armistice, we will be holding a peace vigil on **Sunday, November 11**. The vigil will begin with morning worship and will continue for the next eleven hours, concluding at 10:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the breezeway for those committing to participate. Individuals or families who sign up will commit to spend an hour in the St. Paul UCC sanctuary in a spirit of prayer for peace in our homes, our communities, our nation, and our world. In cooperation with the other congregations of the Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association, the church bell will toll 100 times beginning at 3:00pm, one toll for each year since the 1918 armistice. The church doors will remain unlocked for the duration of the vigil for any who would like to pray. All are welcome.

NO FEAST

There will be no FEAST on Wednesday, November 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday. FEAST will resume on Wednesday, November 28th. The last day of FEAST will be Wednesday, December 5th. Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for our staff to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

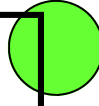
LOAVES & FISHES

St. Paul will be serving the Loaves & Fishes dinner on **Thursday, November 29th** from **4:30 – 6:30PM**. We have a Small Benevolence Fund here at St. Paul to help with meals. Signup sheets will be posted in the breezeway. We would appreciate any monetary support you could donate

CIRCLE ONE

Monthly meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30PM in the Ritter Room. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 1st at 1:30PM**. Please join us.

AC SWING BAND CONCERT SUNDAY, DEC. 2



Sunday, Dec 2, at 6:30PM, St. Paul UCC will welcome the AC Swing band for a swingin' Christmas concert. The 19-member band, directed by Scott Kuenning, will share a variety of music including Christmas arrangements we all love! There is no admission fee, a free will offering will be accepted. This is the bands first Christmas concert in ten years, we are really looking forward to it! Come celebrate a joyous evening with the delightful music of AC Swing!

-Elaine Mikesell, member of AC Swing-

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Join us at **3:00PM on Sunday, November 25** for the Hanging of the Greens at St. Paul UCC. Help us to bring in the beauty of the Advent season by lending a hand in decorating both inside and outside the church. Many hands make light work! Cookies, cider, and hot chocolate will be provided to help us get in the holiday spirit. Please let Pastor Becky know if you are able to help.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

On the following page please find the poinsettia order form for our display in our sanctuary at Christmas. All orders are due by **Monday, December 3rd** and must be accompanied by a check made out to St. Paul UCC. If you have any questions please call the church office.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

*Poinsettias may be ordered for display in our sanctuary at Christmas time by filling in the attached order blank and putting it, with your check, in the Sunday offering plate, or mailing it to the church office. The flowers can be ordered in red, pink or white and will be encased in **GOLD** foil with a **RED** bow. They will be delivered to the church by Wednesday, December 20th. There will be a notice in the bulletin acknowledging all memorial poinsettias. All flowers may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.*

All orders are due by Monday December 3rd and must be accompanied by a check made out to St. Paul UCC.

Poinsettia Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____



	Quantity	Red, Pink or White	Total
6" pot at \$ 11.00ea.	_____	_____	_____
7" pot at \$16.50ea.	_____	_____	_____
8" pot at \$23.00ea.	_____	_____	_____

The dedication in the bulletin should read:

(Example: In memory of _____ (or use: in honor of; in celebration of) and given by _____.)

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General Fund

Approved General Fund Monthly Budget	\$ 26,253.55
Given to General Fund	\$18,432.50
Difference	\$ 7,821.05
Given to Benevolences	\$2,048.00
Approved General Fund Budget Year to Date	\$262,535.51
Given to General Fund so far this year	\$179,538.41
Difference	\$82,997.10
Given to Benevolences so far this year	\$13,446.50

Benevolence Giving for November ~ St. Vincent DePaul



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

“Do you believe everything you own is some way a gift of God?” What about this...”Do you consider yourself blessed by God?” Or have you considered this...”Do you believe God is inherently in every single person, and if so, when we treat someone disrespectfully does it mean we’re really treating God disrespectfully?”

St. Paul UCC will be offering a new adult Sunday School class that will focus on open group discussions on such thought provoking spiritual questions like these, as we search to grow in our personal faith. Based on the NOOMA series by Rob Bell, this class will explore open ended topics designed to foster discussion and inner self-reflection. While some biblical references may be used as a springboard for class discussions, the primary focus of this class is not to extensively study the Bible, but to focus on individual self-growth, reflection and examination of personal beliefs through the fellowship of friends and fellow Christians. The goal of every class will be to have individuals leave with ideas and thoughts that challenge them to grow as Christians.

The first class will be meeting on Sunday, January 6th in the church library during the Sunday School hour (9:00 to 10:00am) and will be facilitated by Mark Vaughn. Please consider joining us for engaging discussion and great Christian fellowship.



NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:30PM Circle One 4:30-6:30PM Loaves & Fishes	2	3 Cookie & Candy Walk/ Bazaar 9:00AM to 300PM
4 All Saints Sunday 8:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:15AM New Member 5-7PM 8th Grade Conf.	5 6:00PM Faith Formation Meeting	6 7—8:30PM Suicide Survivors Support Election Day	7 3:00PM FEAST 6-6:45PM Youth Choir 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30PM Chancel	8 4:30-6:30PM Loaves & Fishes 3:30-6:00 Young Astronaut Class 6:30PM Group Study	9	10 9-12 Noon CRI Sorting at Buckland 9-1:30PM Young Astronaut Class 11:00AM Craft Workshop
11 8:15AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship	12 6:00PM Church Council Meeting	13 6:00PM Roots & Shoots	14 3:00PM FEAST 6-6:45PM Youth Choir 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30PM Chancel Choir	15 4:30-6:30PM Loaves & Fishes 6:30PM Group Study	16	17
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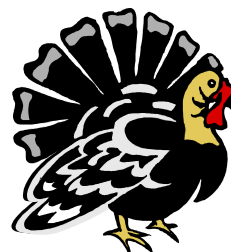
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LET'S GET TOGETHER !

Regular Worship Times

Sunday Mornings 8:15 & 10:15 AM
Sunday School 9AM
Children's Church during 10:15 worship

Faith Promise Sunday
On Sunday, November 18th



ST. PAUL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Wapakoneta, Ohio

Our MISSION

As a congregation of God's people, we welcome and encourage all to join in fellowship, joyful and inspirational worship and faithful stewardship. United in Christ, we support and nurture one another in personal development and spiritual growth. We strive to reflect Christ's Love and to spread God's Word throughout our community and the world.