

OCTOBER 2021



United
Church of
Christ

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

114 S Broad St. Middletown, OH 45044

Fall is Here!



"By listening to
the still
speaking God,
we seek to
connect people
to God and to
others through
worship,
service, and
fellowship."

We are a church
that values:
Welcome
Fellowship
Outreach
Tradition



Yes, after the hottest summer in years, we are into the fall season, which is one of my favorites!

The beautiful colored leaves, the cooler temperatures (I hope) and the array of activities in schools and communities all symbolize this season.

Depending on the covid situation, hopefully children will be able to go full force on Halloween as they treat or treat around the surrounding neighborhoods. I heard rumors that some children will be treat or treating without a mask, dressed as vaccinated people! Seriously, a lot more people wear masks – and not those of covid necessity – than want to admit.

We tend to mask our emotions about different things; trying to hide our feelings from others. We may mask an illness or a disappointment or some other trial or tribulation that may befall us. Sadly, we also mask the goodness we all have. This happens when we opt not to give someone a helping hand when they need it most – or a shoulder to cry on. Because of jealousy or envy, we may hide our ability to reach out and forgive someone or seek forgiveness from someone.

As a church community, we strive to douse those masks and openly welcome each other with open arms to receive the love and support that Christ has instilled in each of us. Unfortunately, we are not always successful in this – but we keep on trying. So, those of you who have fears and reservations about gathering together; if you have burdens resting on your shoulders and feel there is no one who cares or any who would help carry your load, come see us! As we all need a change of weather – of seasons to brighten up our days, so too do we need to consider reaching out in places that may just be the necessary antidote for our sadness or doubtfulness or loneliness by coming to church and getting acquainted or reacquainted with those who do care about you and want to share the love and comfort Jesus has afforded each of us. This may very well be the opportunity for us to unmask ourselves from all the worries and fears and resentments that we tend to hide not others but ourselves from.

May we find this season of change to not only affect the weather – but our hearts as well.

Shalom,
Pastor Rich



Thank you to all the musicians who provided special music this summer: Marsha Minge, Kip Moore, Dan Flory, Susan Beagle, Mike Ratliff, Steve Pearce, and Lonnie Dorgan. We always look forward to hearing from our summer guests and appreciate that they share their talents with us.



October volunteers



Date	Greeters	Refreshments	Ushers	Liturgists	Open/Close
October 3	R. Britton	B & D Flory	L & D Adams	J. Brewer (com)	J. Brewer/D.Flory
October 10	J. Williams	J. Batliner	C.&J. Batliner	C. Batliner	C. Clark
October 17	C. Clark	C. Kinyalocets	T & M Shibley	D. Flory	C. Clark
October 24	C. Lowman	S. Luh	R. Lyons/J Rockwell	C. Clark	C. Clark
October 31	R. Lyons	B& D Flory	D. Flory / C. Clark	C. Lowman	C. Clark

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 We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but there are no minutes from Septembers Council meeting. The minutes for Sept/Oct will be in the next Messenger.
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**We are
praying for
you!**

**We continue to pray for our
homebound members
and those with ongoing
health concerns:**

**Virginia Elam Lorraine Clark
 Charlene Hale Ann Gilkey
 Frances Stoutenborough
 Calleigh Barraclough
 Barbara Ligget Ruby McQuade**





*Hat's
off to
you both!*



This month we celebrate two people for their efforts on behalf of the life of St. Paul's: Julie and Mike Ratliff! Julie and Mike were instrumental in getting the Bell Choir resurrected. Mike also does solo work with his trumpet skills during various worship services throughout the year and he takes over for Chuck with the video work during worship. Julie also plays on the Bell Choir and has served faithfully on the Church Council. They have been involved with the church for a number of years and we are proud to have them with us! Hat's Off to you both! Thankyou for all your support and efforts!



*The Ripple
Effect*

FELLOWSHIP

We are so pleased to announce that on October 3rd we will be reinstating fellowship after services. We look forward to seeing you there!



November 21 all
congregational meeting!

October Special Offering

We never really know what our special offering does for people but what I do believe is the fact that one small act of kindness has a far reaching effect. We can still take donations for sleeping bags for Shalom and we will be giving to Neighbors in Need through the UCC during the month of October.

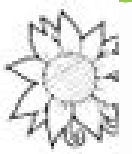


We are steadily increasing our clientele and now are readying ourselves for displaying warmer wear as the colder months are approaching.





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 leaves
 migrate
 orchards

pumpkin
 quilt
 rake
 rustling
 scarecrow
 season
 spider

squash
 squirrel
 sunflower
 sweater
 trees
 vegetables
 wheelbarrow



October 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Bible Study
1pm

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Worship
10:15 am

Closet Closet
10-1

Woodworker
Group

10

11

12

Bible Study
1pm

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14

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16

Worship
10:15 am
Council
11:30 am

Closet Closet
10-1

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19

Bible Study
1pm

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21

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23

Worship
10:15 am

Closet Closet
10-1

Woodworker
Group

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26

Bible Study
1pm
Closet Closet
10-1

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Worship
10:15 am

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OPEN AND AFFIRMING

1015 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery Provided • Lift to Sanctuary • Handicap Accessible
Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Rev. Rich Luh, Pastor
Marsha Minge, Choir Director • Barbara Flory, Pianist

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