

Please sign up to help mow and weed the church grounds this Spring and Summer. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Thanks in advance for your help!

### Synod Assembly

We are looking for two people to attend the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Akron. If you would like to attend, please see Pastor Pam.

### Empty Nesters

Join us in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a "Skittles Tournament". We will have an evening of fun and entertainment as we try our skill at this antique folk art game based on a spinning top. Please bring snack food. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Pat or Tim Chambers at 330-669-2431.

Spring is here! With the warm weather we think of being outside enjoying the blessing of the outdoors. Don't forget People to People as we get busy with warm weather chores. Needs are complete pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, jello, pork & beans, and canned tuna. Also needed are deodorant, cleaning supplies, toasters, queen sheet sets, hand held can openers, and new bath towels. In March we delivered 5 bags of clothing and sheets, 16 bags of food, and pet food. Can we beat that in May? Delivery will be May 31st.



### Comments from the Call Committee

The call committee met with Judy Hoshek in April to review our completed Ministry Site Profile that defines our congregational ministries and pastoral needs. The Profile was unanimously approved by council and was officially submitted to the synod. Judy and Bishop Eaton and her staff will now study it to assemble a list of candidates that have ministry skills valuable to St. Paul. Meanwhile, the committee is working on defining how the interview process will take place, including what significant questions will be asked of each candidate. We will be interviewing a pastor this month a part of an exercise of how an interview might proceed and to give the members some experience in the process and as a learning exercise. Judy will meet with us the first part of June to hand over the mobility papers (resumes) of potential candidates, and actual interviewing should commence soon after that. Continue to pray for the committee and our congregation. Also, go out of your way to thank Pastor Kelly for the wonderful ministry she is providing us during this interim period. She is undeniably a blessing.

Pray for Deaconess Hoshek as she scrutinizes applicant's papers and draws on her experience and expertise to direct the most pertinent ones to us. The process is indeed one of patience and faith. We thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions, talk to any of the committee: Tom Boreman, Duane Eggeman, Donna Fetzer, Jerry Meitzler, Mark Spademan, and Lorinda Wolbaugh.

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SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 A.M.



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SMITHVILLE, OH

# The Epistle

Dear Friends,

This month St. Peter will urge us to come to God, "a living stone, through rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

We have a once in a lifetime way to do just that this month. I urge you to be in worship both May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> for you may never see what will happen again. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate Dr. Ed Freed's 60 years of ordination. He will share with us some of his recollections about his ministry through the years. Deaconess Judy Hoshek, an assistant to the Bishop, will be our guest. On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Andy, Haley, Emma, and Sarah's Confirmation.

The living stone of Dr. and Mrs. Freed's faith lives have been polished over the years in three parishes, a career teaching New Testament, raising children, and writing books. He has made at least two contributions to the building of St. Paul's spiritual house that I value – his writing our history that we used in creating our timeline last fall, and his teaching from his book last summer.

And in contrast we have the shining, new, stones that represent our Confirmations. Their living stones are unpolished but bright with promise. All four of them have many gifts and are even now seeking to live out their faith in the midst of school, cheerleading, sports, dance, student council, and many friends. They will come before us to say that they are willing to continue to build on the spiritual house their parents began for them and I will ask that you continue to support them. Will you come and say yes, you will?

How is the building of your spiritual house going these days? Need a little brushing up? Cobwebs in a few of the corners? This Easter season and Spring itself is a good time to open the house up, clean out old resentments and failings, and let in the fresh air, the wind of the Holy Spirit. Worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> could offer you just the perspective you need. I hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Pam

### Easter Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services a blessing. Thanks to the Senior Choir and musicians who did five anthems in three days, to the Junior, High School, Cherub, and Celebration Ringers for your parts, Tom and Holly Boreman, Lorinda Wolbaugh, Tim Mann and Lynn Miller for leading the choirs, again to the Boremans for coordinating our Maundy Thursday meal, to those who helped with the flowers, including Pat Chambers, Holly Boreman, and JoEtta Blough, all who donated to the Easter Breakfast, including Nancy and Steve Carr who served as coordinators, to Jacki Leatherman who led our Easter Egg Hunt, to Brian Miller and the Saturday musicians for leading music at our first modified Easter Vigil, to all who read and ushered, set up communion, to Ron for sending the extra e-mails, to Jared for keeping up with all we needed to keep the building looking great, and to Shae for the extra bulletins.

## Choir Corner

With the choir season rapidly coming upon summer break, there are some rehearsal changes for the month of May and they are as follows:

Sunday, May 1	H.S. Choir	10:30a.m.
Wednesday, May 4	Dinner	5:30p.m.
	Chimes	5:45p.m.
	Cherub Choir	6:30p.m.
	Jr. Choir	6:30p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00p.m.
	Celebration Ringers	8:00p.m.
Sunday, May 8	Chimes Rehearsal	9:00a.m.
	Sr./Jr. Choir warm-up	9:15a.m.
	Sunday Service	9:30a.m.
Wednesday, May 11	Senior Choir	7:00p.m.
	Celebration Ringers	8:00p.m.
Sunday, May 15	H.S. Choir	10:30a.m.
Wednesday, May 18	Senior Choir	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	Senior Choir and Celebration Ringers	
	<b>Dinner at Tom and Holly's 6:00p.m.</b>	

Blessings,  
*Holly*



Vacation Bible School is coming back for a full week July 25-29!  
A light dinner will be served each night from 5:15-6:00 p.m.  
VBS will run from 6-8:30 p.m. Helpers, teachers, and kids are needed! More details are coming soon. Please contact Jacki Leatherman, VBS Coordinator with any questions.

### Treasurer's Report : March 1 -31, 2011

Total giving for March was \$14,027.99. To meet our 2011 budget, we need to receive \$15,688.00 per month. This month's giving was \$12,376.00 for our budgeted needs; a shortage of \$3,312.00. Bills paid totaled \$14,169.69.

#### Year-to-Date Income vs. Budget

	Amount Received	Amount Budgeted	Actual Expenses
Current Account 4110	\$48,028.99	\$43,251.27	
Total received including "designated gifts"	\$54,386.98		\$36,538.73

In His Name,

5/1	Barb Schuster	5/16	Mark & Elaine Spademan
5/4	Carolyn Thornton	5/17	Richard Renninger
5/5	David & Barbara Miller	5/18	Matthew Brady
5/6	Tom & Sharon Shehy	5/18	Paul & Carolyn Thornton
5/6	Van & Pat Simpson	5/24	Denny & Ruth Peterman
5/6	Nancy Percy	5/25	Wanda Wagner
5/6	Ron Renninger	5/26	Dempsey Root
5/7	Zeb Hall	5/28	Harold & JoEtta Blough
5/8	Jeremy Marty	5/29	Sarah Boreman
5/10	Jacob Blough	5/29	Merrilee Sayre
5/10	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	5/31	Lesley Miller
5/11	Sandy Keeler		
5/14	Todd & Kayla Farrell		
5/16	Tom & Holly Boreman		



Thank you very much for the St. Patrick's Day Box. It meant a lot to me. I needed the pick me up. Thanks again. - Don Fry

It was so much fun to receive a St. Patrick's Day box. It made me smile just like a little kid getting a present! I had fun looking through it and everything was useful, plus having the great company of the gals who delivered it. We had our own little class reunion with another visitor who had gone to Smithville H.S. It made my day. I miss all of my extended family from St. Paul and want you to know I think of you each and every day and that you're in my prayers. - Nancy Saunders

I wish to thank you so much for the St. Patrick's Day box of goodies! They are good! How nice of you all to take the time to put such a lovely surprise box together and send them out to us who have trouble going shopping and cooking on our own - and such a variety of treats! Thank you again so very much. - Lou Wagner

Many thanks for the beautiful and delicious box of goodies. It was a joy to see the beautiful box and the smiling face of Kathy when she delivered it. May God bless you. - Clara Snyder

It was so nice to receive the St. Patrick's Day box of "goodies" you delivered to my home. Sorry I missed whomever the person was that brought it, as I am recuperating from a stay at S.W. Care Center from a fractured hip. It was enjoyed by me and my son who is helping me in my care at the present time. We both send our thanks. It was greatly appreciated. God bless you my "special friends". - Beryl Swartzfager

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, and visits. I really enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day box of goodies and the nice visit from Sylvia and Marcia. A very special thank you to Duane and Mark for building me a ramp. And to Pastor Pam for her visits. I am truly blessed to be part of this family. - Merrilee

Thank you so much for the box of goodies; yummy! - Garrett Hoffman

Thank you for the awesome care package. It really brings a smile to my face. It goes to good use during the semester. - Tara Hamilton

Thank you so much for the care package and for remembering me. You have a very thoughtful and caring congregation and always remember that. Physical therapy school is going well out here in Philadelphia, and I am really enjoying it. Thanks again and God bless. - Chris Kwee

Thank you for your most generous donation of \$50 to People to People Ministries. - Lydia Stahl.

## Serving Christ on Saturday Evenings in May

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Ken Miller	Brian Miller	Pastor Pam	Brian Miller
<u>Reader:</u>	Lyn Miller	NEEDED	Hans Kwee	Lyn Miller
<u>Greeter/Usher:</u>	B. & L. Lance	Jerry Hamilton	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Nursery:</u>	M. Hostetler	NEEDED	M. Hostetler	NEEDED
<u>Refreshments:</u>	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
<u>Communion Asst:</u>			NEEDED	
<u>Communion Set Up &amp; Clean Up:</u>			NEEDED	

## Serving Christ on Sunday Mornings in May

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	Kathy Meitzler	Brian Miller	Pat Chambers	Mark Miller	Lynn Moomaw
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Andy Blough	Lexi Melvin	Sarah Boreman	Skylar Brookover	Ethan Mann
<u>Nursery:</u>	Madeline Boreman	Ruth Peterman	Madeline Boreman	Lorinda Wolbaugh	Lesley Miller
<u>Greeters/Ushers:</u>	J. & K. Meitzler	S. & N. Carr	R. & B. Raff	B. & R. Miller	V. & P. Simpson
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Rex Raff				
<u>Altar Care:</u>	Beth Raff				
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Lyn Miller				

### Prayer Requests

*Your prayers are requested for:*

**Ginny** Barker (cancer), **Nancy** Saunders (hospice), **Stephanie** Carmean (vision), The Family of 1 year-old **Ella** Young (bereavement), **Jeff** Mark (cancer), **Don** Fry (recovery), **John** Sullens (heart), The Family of **Merrilee** Sayre (bereavement), **Nathan** Rehm (hearing), **Shirley** Fetter (health), **Gary** Zimmerman (health), and **Vera** Skender (cancer).

### Altar Flowers

May 1 Tim & Pat Chambers  
 May 8 Jerry & Kathy Meitzler  
 May 15 Tom & Holly Boreman  
 May 22 Harold & JoEtta Blough  
 May 29 Tom & Holly Boreman



Dempsey Root



Dan & Mary Rehm

### St. Paul Council Meeting: April 11, 2011

All members were present except Sylvia W.

Devotions were led by Kathy M.

Minutes of March 14, 2011 were approved as written. M/S/P Dan/Bob

Treasurer's report was approved as reported by Nancy Carr. M/S/P Holly/Marcia

Motion to designate Ash Wednesday's offering to Pastor's discretionary fund was made. M/S/P Mark/Dan

Pastor's report included March attendance, Holy Week service plans, and developing time & talent sheets.

Motion to donate \$400 from the undesignated funds to Gettysburg Seminary in Dr. Ed Freeds' honor. M/S/P Bob/Larry

Motion to approve Dr. Freed speaking on 5/22/11 for his 60<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. M/S/P Marcia/Holly

Tom Boreman, Call committee chair, presented the Ministry Site Profile. Motion to approve the Ministry Site Profile as written. M/S/P Mark/Holly

Worship & music submitted a written report from their 3/10/11 meeting.

Motion to accept a youth group report form. M/S/P Marcia/Bob

A standardized committee report form will be drawn up to use in committee reporting.

Old business: Council will review the goals of the church, which were previously drawn up, and prioritize for next month's meeting. The Crop Walk is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Alstage Sound is still tweaking.

Next meeting is May 9, 2011

Devotions: Dan H

Respectfully submitted in Christ's name,  
 Kathy Meitzler, secretary

Thank you so much for the wonderful box of goodies. It is so nice to be remembered. Margaret Hubacher

Thank you for the St. Patrick's Day decorated box filled with candy, cookies, and fruit. They are delicious. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Marcia Lowe, a former student of mine, does an excellent job of delivering the gift. Sincerely, Margaret Hedrick

Thank you for thinking of me in such a thoughtful way. The fruit, candy, and cookie box is much appreciated. The friendly visitor and I had a nice chat with each other. Sincerely, Virginia Leatherman

Our thanks to everyone at St. Paul responsible for the St. Patrick's Day gift. - The Freeds

I do enjoy your goody boxes. It is so very kind of you to think of me. - Jim Perret

Thank you so much for all the delicious goodies in my St. Patrick's Day box. There was so much I shared it with my family. I am enjoying being back in my own home. I welcome all visitors. - Phyllis Reinheimer

I would like to thank you for all of your support through your care packages. The thought that you took the time to prepare the gift is really nice. I really appreciate the generous donation. - Aaron Rehm

I would like to thank everyone who donated the "goodies" and the time to put the boxes together. I feel grateful for having such a caring church family. - Renee Eggeman

Thank you for the college goodie box! I appreciate your thoughts and efforts that went into making thme. Most of the food was gone in a few days! Thanks again. - Katie Chambers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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This calendar and the “Serving Christ” list on the other side is designed so that it can be detached from the newsletter and placed in a convenient place for your usefulness.

<b>1</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a High School Choir 10:45a SS / Confirmation 3:00p Crop Walk 7:00p Youth Movie @ Miller's	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> No Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9:00 a Project Day 5:30-6:30p Meal  5:45-6:10p Choir Chime Choir 6:30-6:55p Junior Choir 6:30-7:00p Cherub Choir 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir 8:00-9:00p Celebration Ringers	<b>5</b>  7p @ The Historic Church of God	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship  7p Empty Nesters @ Church
<b>8</b>  9:00a Chimes Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a H.S. Choir 10:45a SS/ Confirmation	<b>9</b> 1p-3p Vesper Circle 6:30p Council Mtg.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir 8:00-9:00p Celebration Ringers	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
<b>15</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a High School Choir 10:45a SS / Confirmation 7-8:30p Youth Group	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30-8p Adult Bible Study @ Church	<b>18</b> 7:00-8:00p Senior Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship
<b>22/29</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45a SS / Confirmation  29th Confirmation Sunday	<b>23</b>  <b>30</b> 	<b>24</b> 7p Free Spirits	<b>25</b> 7:00p Senior Choir & Celebration Ringers Dinner @ Tom & Holly's	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  5:25p Band Practice 6:30p Worship