

St. Paul's Epistle

VOLUME 32, ISSUE 1

NEWSLETTER DATE
JANUARY 2026

May "Joy" be your focus this year .

Scripture Keys to a Joyful Year

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)
Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

— Gus Nichols

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Pastor's Page	Pg 2
Thank-you notes	Pg 3
Kids Page	Pg 5
Birthday's & Anniversaries	Pg 6
Christmas Program	Pg 8
Calendar	Pg 9



The ponderings of your Pastor...

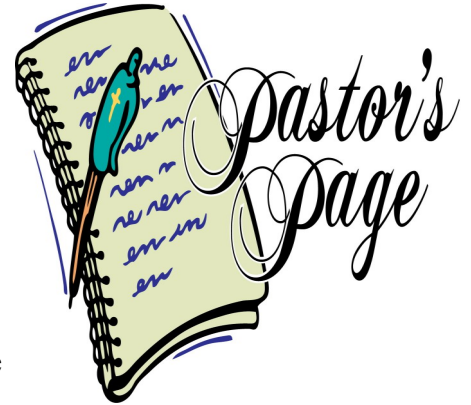
A new year begins, and with a new year, brings us a chance to rest and recuperate from the busyness of the holiday season. To rest our bodies and renew our souls. Jesus talks about this in Matthew 11:28–30 (CSB) “Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Notice that He says if we are weary and burdened. We love the holidays. We love to host family gatherings, buying that perfect gift for our loved ones, and seeing the joy and delight on their faces as they open the gift. Yet, we also miss those of our families who cannot be there, either because of distance both physical and relational, as well as those who have passed from this life. So, we need to take time to recuperate our bodies, so that we can continue to do what we need to do, and to stay healthy.

Then notice that he says to learn from me, and you will find rest for your soul. Resting our souls is different from resting our bodies. To rest our bodies, we need to slow down, take time to simply be at rest. To rest our souls is to stay active in the activities that help us to stay closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It is to continue attending to our prayer life, our reading of the Word of God, of attending church to worship and to fellowship with others who are also believers in Christ. To continue to participate in Bible studies, Sunday school, Discipleship bands, and share groups. To do these things, renews our souls, and brings us closer to the Lord. So, my prayer for us in this season of new beginnings is for a restoration of our bodies and our souls. That we will renew our dedication to God and to our mission of reaching out to our community and to our world, with the Good News of Jesus our Lord.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Kevin Doseck





We extend our Christian love & sympathy:

To Gloria Poorman who's nephew, Chris Volkman, went to his eternal home, Nov. 26, 2025.

The family of Don Waldron, who entered his heavenly home on December 13, 2025. Don has been an active member of St. Paul's for over 68 years having joined in November 1957.

Please uplift these families in prayer for strength and comfort as they travel the road of grieving



(Church Mouse is here to offer a shout out to someone whose service or blessing you want to recognize.)

- * Blessings to all who shared so generously with kids through our Angel Tree. You blessed 4 families and a total of 10 children, with shoes, clothes, and toys.
- * Many Blessings were received by our homebound church family as Christmas carols were song, by our caroling team, on December 6.
- * Hats off to the Children and directors for sharing the message of "A Lamb's Tale" during the Christmas musical on Dec 14th.
- * Also a BIG thank you to the crew who helped set up and tear down the stage for the Children's Christmas performance.



Helen Van Zile, Dave Allman, Cindy King, Norma Snyder, Brian Ocen, Kayleigh Hicks, David Deetz, Rachael Baker-Christophel, Mary Knepper, Taya Beck, Randy Fisher, Pastor Kevin & Carol Doseck, Cheryle Gallagher, Raymond Davis, Sandy Knapp, Tiffany Van Zile, Jim Brace, Earl & Elnor Geren, Peggy Apt, Jailyann Price, Tim Impton, Verlene Drohan, Sara LaMarr, Jan Kline, Dianna Blank, Myl-eigh Dye, The Homebound, Unspoken Prayers, The Brokenhearted, Christian Missionaries, The Unemployed, Veterans & Active Military, United States Government & Leaders, Victims of Gun Violence & Natural Disasters, Our Community, State, Nation and World



The entire staff of St. Paul's Church would like to thank everyone for the generous Love Gift we received for Christmas. We enjoy what we do by serving our Lord, as well

as the members, and friends that are a part of the St. Paul's Church family. Many blessings to all in the New Year, Pastor Kevin, Marcy, Terry, Carol, Erin, Kelly, Kristin, Anthony, Ashton, Genevieve, & Johnathan

Thank you so much St. Paul's Methodist Church for your financial donation to the Sanctuary in Bryan. Your gift is making a real difference, Through your generosity, lives are being touched, hearts are lifted, and hope is being restored. You are truly a vessel of God's love in action. May His grace and peace be with you always. In His love, Pheba, of the Bryan Sanctuary

A great big thank you to all who purchased items for our angel tree this past Christmas. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide toys, clothing, shoes, hats, mittens, and more for ten children in the Montpelier area. The parents were very appreciative of your love and willingness to help them in their time of need. The fire department delivered the packages on Christmas Eve on a fire truck. Which really gets the children excited. Thank you to the Montpelier Fire Dept. volunteers for this service.

May God bless this ministry and all who participated.

Cindy, Barb, Jennifer.

(The Social Action "2025" Outreach Committee members were Cindy Clark, Barb Echler, and Jennifer Schlosser)

A big THANK YOU from Mary Knepper to the Miriam Circle ladies who gave her a large jam packed, full of unique treasures, gift bag. She had a lot of fun going through it and discovering all the gifts and goodies. This gesture means more than you know, Mary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



GREETERS

4 Cindy Clark (N)
 Darlene Calvin (S)
 11 Kathi Bauer (N)
 Steve Bauer (S)
 18 Jason Luke (N)
 Sara Luke (S)
 25 Darrin Repp (N)
 Markie Repp (S)

ACOLYTE

4 Alee Klender
 11 Declan Repp
 18 Cavan McGee
 25 Abigail Luke

LEAD USHER

4 Ric Echler
 11 Dail Fritsch
 18 Brian Fritsch
 25 Matt Dye

LITURGIST

4=Blayne Bible
 11=Darrin Repp
 18= Harlee Salazar
 25= Jeremy Clinger

COMMUNION STEWARD

4 Gloria Poorman

CHURCH NURSERY

The young children's nursery is open every Sunday during worship.

CHILDREN'S TIME LEADER

11 Markie Repp
 18 Children's Choir
 25 Beth Reimund

SOUND TECHS

January

4 Anthony Salazar
 7/11 Ashton Salazar
 14/18 Genevieve Repp
 21/25 Ashton Salazar

FLOWERS

4 open
 11 open
 18 open
 25 open

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL/PLAY

Thank you, Thank you!!!

The children's Christmas program on December 14th was wonderful. What a fabulous way to glorify God.

If you missed it, you can watch it on our St. Paul's Facebook page or on our website.

Facebook.com/StPaulsMethodistMontpelier

Web Site: www.montpelierohstpauls.org

Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)



C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)



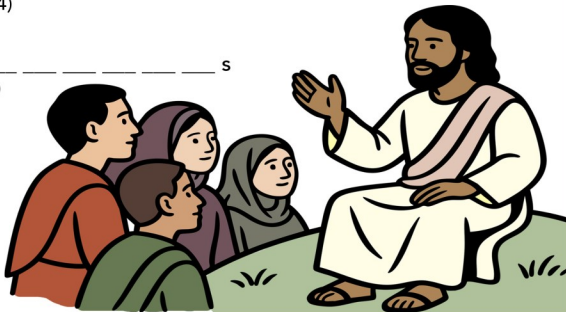
S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses



TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages. "Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=+
A=■	G=●	M=↗	S=■
B=X	H=◀	N=⏏	SH=⚙
D=◀◀	I=▲	O=⊗	T=♫
	K=	P=□	TH=♥

Y

W F

W

W

U

Proverbs 3:13

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.

Bible Quiz



Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

- A. Creation
- B. Beginning
- C. Season
- D. Covenant

Answer: (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)



3 Anthony Salazar
 10 Connie Grice
 Elliott Kline-Parker
 11 Aubrey Birdsall
 13 Ashley Waterston
 14 Rick Burcham
 15 Elnor Geren
 Isabell Birdsall
 20 Armeda Sawmiller
 22 Raymond Davis
 24 Ashley Smith
 25 Jan Beatty
 26 Dianne Bergman
 Sharon White
 28 Kolbee Thomas
 29 Julie Benway
 30 Marcy Ruble



15 David & Christiana Bauer (15)
 22 Bob & Cathy Babcock (54)
 29 Matt & Jenny Dye (26)



Snow is Coming!!

It is the official policy of the church that if the county or village are at a **level 2 snow emergency** all church events or worship services are **cancelled**. This should help you determine if your event or the Worship service should or should not be meeting during the winter months ahead.

Winter Weather Updates

The church office recently discovered that we are no longer able to post closing of church services and activities on the WBCL radio station, as we have in the past. Therefore, when it is deemed necessary to cancel St. Paul's worship service and other activities, it will only be posted on our church facebook page. Otherwise, please use sound judgement that if road conditions are at a "Level 2 or above" we will cancel. You are always welcome to call Pastor or Marcy if you are unsure. Thank you for your understanding.



**“2026” Tithing envelopes are available
for your convenience.**

Generic envelopes are being provided in packets of 12 for monthly tithers, and also groupings of 52 for weekly givers. If you know your giver number it would be helpful for you to place them on your envelopes in the left hand corner. You may contact the church office for your number if you do not know it.

Otherwise the office assistants will place your giver number on the envelopes for you when your donation is received. So be sure to include your name on the envelope.

Thank you for your understanding of the more cost effective envelope provision.



The “2026” offering envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Disciple Depot hallway, for the next several weeks.

Please keep in mind that Easter & Christmas special offerings are no longer included in the envelope packets, so please stay tuned to bulletin notifications on when these collections will be accepted.



Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

*Our ministry in Jesus' name is possible
because of your generous gifts!*

Thank you!

SUNDAY STATISTICS

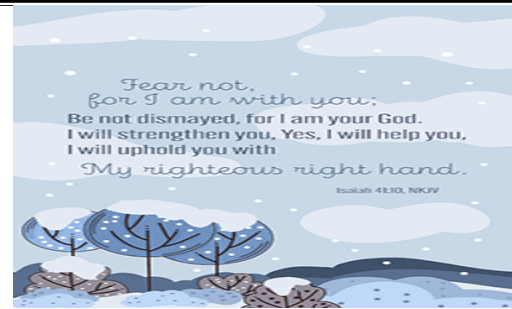
Date	10:30 Worship	Offering	Missions & More	Online Worship
12-7-25	71	\$4613.00	\$1114.00	n/a
12-14-25	131	\$2330.00	\$ 978.00	15
12-21-25	91	\$4195.00	\$1147.00	5
12-28-25	unavailable at printing			



Highlights from the Children's Christmas Musical “A Lamb's Tale”



January 2026



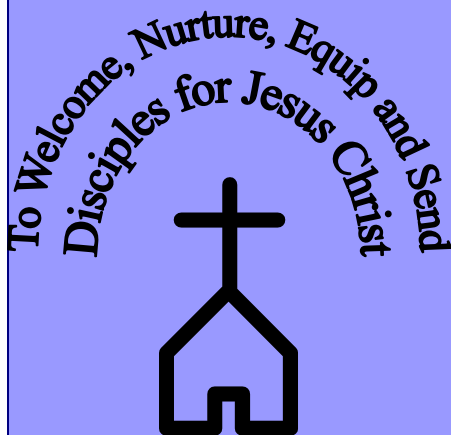
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																			
February 2026 <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> </table>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																			
				Church Office Closed 		12:00 pm Private Party in Fellowship Hall																																			
4 8:00 Methodist Men/ Breakfast	5 2 pm Bible Study	6  Epiphany	7 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	8	9	10																																			
11 2pm Confirmation  The Baptism of our Lord	12 2 pm Bible Study 7 pm SPRC/ Robison Room	13 6:30 pm Trus- tees/Robison Room 7:00 pm Missions/ Classroom 1	14 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	15	16	17																																			
18 2pm Confirmation Children's Choir Sings 6:30 pm Church Family activity/ Hymn Sing	19 2 pm Bible Study  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ★ Day ★	20 6 pm Finance Meeting/ Robison Room	21 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	22 6 pm Family Life/Robison Room	23	24																																			
25 2pm Confirmation	26 2 pm Bible Study	27 6 pm Ad Council / Robison Room	28 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	29	30	31																																			
				SUNDAY 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Children Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service		SUNDAY																																			



St. Paul's
Methodist
Church
402 Broad Street
Montpelier OH
43543



Newsletter
2026



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Montpelier, OH 43543
Permit No. 95

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



St. Paul's Epistle is
published monthly by
St. Paul's

Methodist Church,
402 Broad Street,
Montpelier, OH 43543.

Church Telephone #
419-485-3519

Office Telephone #
419-485-3519

or

419-485-1149

Pastor Kevin's cell phone:
260-203-7010

Church E-mail
shemah402@gmail.com

Web Site
www.montpelierohstpauls.org

Pastor's E-mail
kdoseck2008@gmail.com

[Facebook.com/StPaulsMethodistMontpelier](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsMethodistMontpelier)



STAFF: Pastor, Rev. Kevin Doseck; Secretary/NL Editor, Marcy Ruble;
Treasurer, Terry Buntain; Musicians, Kelly Michael and Erin McGee;
Custodian, Kristin Huston; Chancel Choir Director, Carol Carr;
Sound Tech, Anthony & Ashton Salazar and Genevieve Repp