

# St. Paul's Epistle

## If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let's imagine it for a moment.

You had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so you got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since you had a sin to confess, you pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then you decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then you remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn't route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don't get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly.

Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.”

(Isaiah 65:24, KJV)



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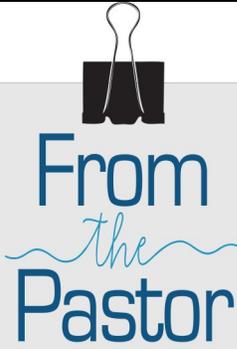


## Don't Be Late



Don't forget to “Spring” your clocks ahead before you go to bed on March 7th.

Official time change is March 8th, at 2:00 a.m.



From  
the  
Pastor

*Thoughts of a pondering pastor...*

As I sit to write this article, the sun is shining, the snow is about gone and according to Buckeye Bill, spring is just a few short weeks away. Spring reminds me that we will soon begin to see some of the spring flowers begin to “spring up” from the cold winter soil. Trees will begin to bud, and the summer birds will soon begin to arrive.

Spring also reminds me of the first two chapters of the Bible; the first verse being Genesis 1:1 (CSB) “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” God did something miraculous, He brought all that we know into existence, where previously, only God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit--Yahweh-God, existed.

This also suggests the question; why did God do this knowing that one day Lucifer would sin, and He would then tempt Adam and Eve to sin, bringing all that evil into existence. Knowing that most of humanity would “turn their backs” and reject Him?

The answer is both simple and deeply profound. It is one four-letter word, LOVE. I believe that this word, love, is the most profound word of the Bible. Think of that most loved verse of the Bible, John 3:16 (NLT) “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Love brought heaven to earth. Love brought God the Son to a stable, born as a helpless baby. Put himself in the care of a teenage girl and her husband, a carpenter, who lived in a small little village on the edge of Israel, in a country under the harsh rule of a government that did not worship Yahweh-God, but multiple gods and goddesses.

Love would propel Jesus, God the Son, to teach the Words of Yahweh-God, heal the sick, lame, and demon possessed. Love would bring Jesus to a garden where he prayed and anguished over what was soon to happen, what He would soon allow to happen. That He would allow, those whom He created, to take Him captive, nail Him to the cross, He would die, and be buried. All as a sacrifice to save us from sin and death. Love would propel Jesus to rise from the dead and purchase for us the gift, the awesome gift of eternal life, where we will spend eternity with Yahweh-God.

Love. A profound and powerful word, which changes us, if we will believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Something to ponder this Spring.

Your fellow servant,  
*Pastor Kevin Doseck*

But God  
demonstrates  
*his own love*  
for us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,  
*Christ died*  
FOR US.  
Romans 5:8, NIV

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 4 Kelly Michael  
Troy Houk
- 5 Norma Snyder  
Heather Slagle  
Brandon Shoup
- 6 Janet Waldron
- 8 Julia Salazar
- 9 Michelle Hamlyn  
Michael Hayes
- 10 Darlene Davis
- 12 Chase Thomas
- 14 Madison Arps
- 15 Ric Echler  
Kris Beck
- 19 Ric Michael  
Polly Frazee  
Cavan McGee
- 21 Myleigh Dye
- 22 Elizabeth Fritsch
- 25 Tiffany Thomas
- 26 Abigail Luke
- 27 Jenna Clinger
- 30 Paul Ledyard
- 31 Rex Ruble  
Aaron Ruble

- 16 Dennis & Deanna Gearig (41)
- 17 Steve & Kathi Bauer (47)
- 20 Lee & Polly Frazee (5)
- 23 Paul & Patty Ledyard (52)
- 31 Ralph & Kelsey Geesey (7)

—STAYING—

CONNECTED

A little reminder that the church newsletter “**St. Paul’s Epistle**” can be available to you at a faster pace by signing up for it to be delivered to your E-mail. If this is an option that you’d like, please contact Marcy at the church office and she will get you enrolled to be a newsletter email recipient. This is also cost effective for our church postal expense.



We have special birthday’s this month. Let’s shower them with cards.

**5th Norma Snyder (94)**  
12148 Co Rd 8  
Montpelier OH  
43543

**6th Janet Waldron (92)**  
48 Southwinds Dr  
Sarasota FL 34231



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

**Church Mouse says...**

- ◆ *Many thanks to all who shared valentines greetings with homebound folks in our church family and those who helped deliver them.*
- ◆ *Hats off to all of those sharing bedding items for the bed brigade! Your love will provide many with a comfortable sleep.*
- ◆ *Thank you to Buffy Beck for always looking out for us on snowy or icy days, clearing our parking lots. And to the church trustees & others for shoveling and clearing our sidewalks!*



**World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2026, is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in**

**many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.**

**The motto of World Day of Prayer is:  
“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.”**



**Thank you very much** for the wonderful Valentine surprise. So much fun finding all the surprises. Thank you Cindy for delivering it. Verlene Drohan

**Jim was so happy with the Valentine gift bag of goodies** and the visit of the deliverer. Made both our hearts smile. Thank you St. Paul’s Church Family. We are blessed and grateful. Jim & Marty Brace

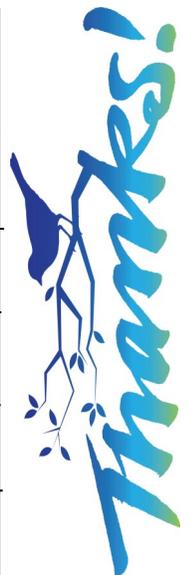
**Thank you St. Paul’s Church Family** for the fun Valentine’s goodie bag I received. It was fun to get all the treats and read the cards from my friends.

God Bless you, Elaine Boland

**Dear St. Paul’s Methodist Church,** Thank you for your donation to support the ministry of The Sanctuary. Your generosity is much appreciated. Your donation will help us continue to impact lives for Christ. God Bless, The Sanctuary

**SUNDAY STATISTICS**

Date	10:30 Worship	General Fund	Missions & More	Online Worship
02-01-26	75	\$5635.00	\$382.00	4
02-08-26	65	\$3367.00	\$ 219.00	8
02-15-26	87	\$1874.00	\$ 191.00	5
02-22-26	80	\$5403.00	\$142.00	n/a
2-18-26	34	Ash Wednesday		



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## GREETERS

- 1 Steve Bauer (N)  
Kathi Bauer (S)
- 8 Jen Schlosser (N)  
Barb Deetz (S)
- 15 Armeda Sawmiller (N)  
Kathy Gleason (S)
- 22 Gerry Newbauer (N)  
Blayne Bible (S)
- 29 Ric Echler (N)  
Barb Echler (S)

## ACOLYTE

- 1 Amelia Repp
- 8 Declan Repp
- 15 Alee Klender
- 22 Abigail Luke
- 29 Cavan McGee

## LEAD USHER

- 1 Ric Echler
- 8 Dail Fritsch
- 15 Brian Fritsch
- 22 Matt Dye
- 29 Dail Fritsch

## LITURGIST

- 1 Blayne Bible
- 8 Amy Dohner
- 15 Harlee Salazar
- 22 Jeremy Clinger
- 29 Ric Michael

## COMMUNION STEWARD

- 1 Gloria Poorman

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

- 8 Markie Repp
- 15 Children's Choir
- 22 Carol Carr
- 29 Pastor Kevin

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1 open
- 8 open
- 15 open
- 22 open
- 29 open



**NURSERY CARE**  
*The church nursery is open every Sunday morning during the Worship service.*

## SOUND TECHS

- March 1st Anthony Salazar
- 4th/8th Ashton Salazar
- 11th/15th Genevieve Repp
- 18th/22nd Anthony Salazar
- 25th/29th Ashton Salazar



**Hug an Irish Friend on Tuesday, March 17th**





Helen Van Zile, Dave Allman, Brian Ocen, Jim Brace, Sandy Knapp, Sara LaMarr, Tim Kline, Tim Impton, Ric Dye, Genevieve Repp, Aislinn McGee, Peggy Apt, Jailynn Price, Cindy King, Norma Snyder, Kayleigh Hicks, Taya Beck, Rachel Baker-Christophel, Pastor Kevin & Carol Doseck, Earl & Elnor Geren, Mary Knep- per, Dianna Blank, Randy Fisher, Ray Davis, Tiffany Van Zile, Jeff Deetz, Verlone Drohan, Cheryle Gallagher, The Homebound, Unspoken Prayers, The Homeless, The Unemployed, Victims of Gun Violence & Natural Disasters, The Broken- hearted , Christian Missionaries, The Nation of Israel, United States Government and Leaders, Veterans & Active Military



**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:**

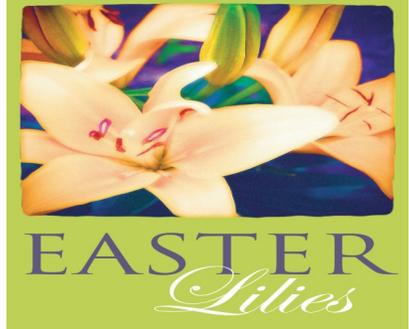
**Dan & Erin McGee** and family upon the death of Dan's brother, James McGee, who recently went to his eternal home.

**Please keep this family in prayer as they walk the valley of grieving.**



*"A friend loves*  
**AT ALL TIMES."**

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV



Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with lilies and spring flowers in memory of our loved ones or in honor of those special to us.

Surely Daisies is offering specials for flowers, anticipated price will be \$20.00 per plant. You can order Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, and Lilies. Hydrangeas will also be available but will be in a bigger pot with 4-5 blooms in each for an additional charge, colors are pink & blue. Call the church office by **March 15th**, so we can get them ordered for you, or fill out an information sheet, available in the lobbies, then place in the offering plate. You may take the plants with you after the Easter service. Any flowers left will be given to the homebound.





### Every Sunday morning!

**9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School/Robison Room**

**9:15 a.m. Youth/Youth Area in basement (6th-12th grade)**

**9:30 a.m. Children/Classroom 2 (preschool thru 5th grade)**



*Feel free to bring your friends.*

### Two Weekly Bible Studies Available

**Monday's at 2pm**, in the Robison Room

**Wednesday's at 6 p.m.** in the Robison Room: Studying the New Testament, We encourage you to join us each week as we explore God's love, mercy, and grace for all whom He created. Both studies are led by Pastor Kevin

**We hope you can join in and bring a friend!**



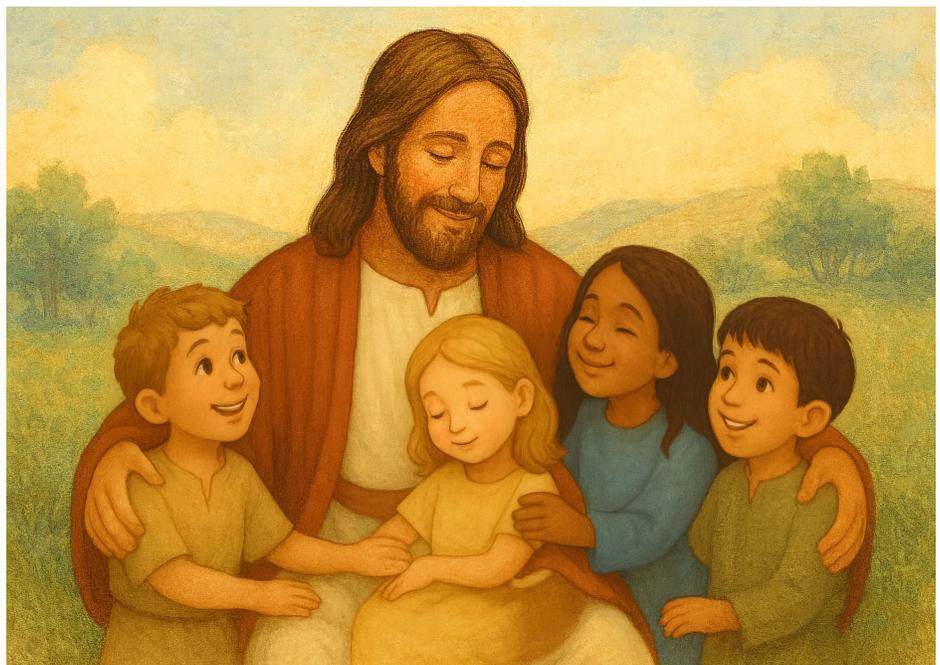
### Children & Youth Planned Activities

**Vacation Bible School** will run Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 6-8:30 p.m. VBS program will "Rainforest Falls."

We will participate in the **Registration Blitz** the Montpelier Parks and Recreation Department May 15th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. We will need people to run the booth at Registration Blitz, and will need staff for Vacation Bible School itself.

**Monthly family activity nights** are going well. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with an assortment of planned activities the whole church family can enjoy. Stay tuned for bulletins for the activity of the month.

**Wednesday night Kids Club & Youth group** as well as **Children & Youth Sunday Schools** are continuing with positive active participation.



# Puzzle!

## HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☼
B=♠	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=☼
C=☼	G=☼	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☼	Z=☼

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☼ Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ \* ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ \* ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ + ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee \* □ ○ ■ ☼ ☼ ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ● ● + + ☼ ☼



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

**What you need:**

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm fronds)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



**What you do:**

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

**Scripture Tie-In:**  
 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
 —Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

## Bible Quiz

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A salt solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: (See Psalm 23:5)



# March 2026



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p><b>1</b> 8:00 am Methodist Men's Breakfast 2 pm Confirmation </p>	<p><b>2</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kids Club &amp; Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 am-2:30 pm LifeWise Academy</p>	<p><b>6</b> </p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Before you go to bed!</b> </p>
<p><b>8</b> 2 pm Confirmation </p>	<p><b>9</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 pm Trustees/Robison Room 7:00 pm Missions/outreach</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kids Club &amp; Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 am-2:30 pm LifeWise Academy</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> Children &amp; Youth Choir Sing 2 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Paint &amp; Praise Church Activity</p>	<p><b>16</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study </p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>  2:00 pm Miriam Circle/Robison Room</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kids Club &amp; Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir <b>Montpelier Schools Spring Break Week</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>IT'S SpringTime!</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 2 pm Confirmation </p>	<p><b>23</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Kids Club &amp; Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00 am-2:30 pm LifeWise Academy 6:00 pm Family Life Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> 2 pm Confirmation Choir Cantata </p>	<p><b>30</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>Holy Week</b></p>				



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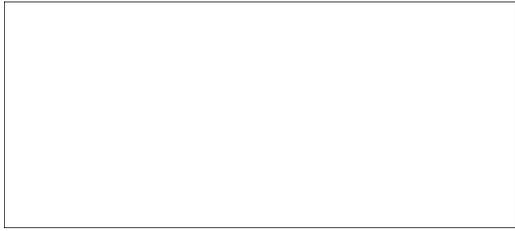
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