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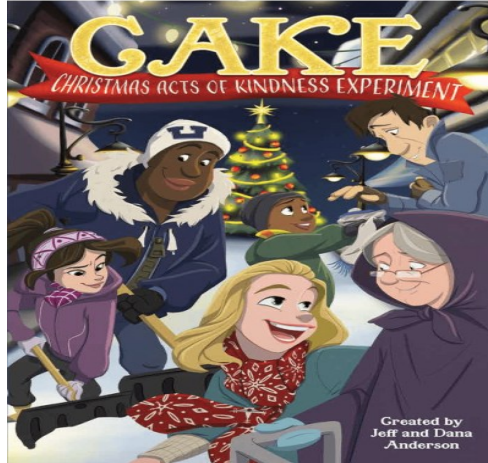


Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.



Julia Salazar announced that the children's Christmas program will be "CAKE-Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment." Practices start Sunday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m., and will be held every Wednesday and Sunday until the program on December 13th which will be presented during the morning worship service that day.

If anyone would like to assist with this ministry, please contact Julia or the church office. If your children/youth would like to participate, be sure to bring them to practice.

Remember:

Practices are every Sunday and every Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. There are many open spots for children and youth of all ages.

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Ponderings of your Pastor...

As I sit to write this article, I notice that the sun is shining, however, there are increasing clouds, and they sometimes block out the light. One moment the sun shines brightly and the next the light dims noticeably.

This made me think, sometimes we can feel bright and sunny and then, we can feel gloomy, like a cloud overshadows us.

This reminded me of the scripture that says, John 8:12 (CSB) "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." And then in Matthew 5:14–16 (CSB) we read this; "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

When we accept Jesus into our hearts, as the Savior of our souls, His light shines in and through us. This does not mean that we will never feel "gloomy." What it means is that the light of Jesus burns bright in us, His presence flows through us. Like He said, you do not put a light under a basket, you put it out so it can shine and give light to our souls.

One of the wonderful things about light is, it "drives" darkness away. Darkness cannot share the same space as light, it simply cannot do so, so as Jesus' light shines, it shines into all the dark spaces of our lives and into our very soul, chasing the darkness, and the gloominess away.

This light that we are talking about is Jesus' presence, yet also it is His Word that shines into our very souls. So, next time you feel down, gloomy, break out God's Word, read it, and let Him speak as Psalm 119:105 (CSB) says; "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path." Let His light shine brightly into your heart and soul, shining His light to those around you, and then notice as His light brightens your day.

Your pastor,

Pastor Kevin Doseck

Kevin Doseck



**SHINE YOUR
LIGHT.
SHARE GOD'S
LOVE!**

Spotted at the Williams County Fair





Community Event

*Harvest of Sweets Walk to be held in Downtown Montpelier,
Saturday, Oct. 17. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.*

Tickets available at the Chamber office and other participating businesses. A \$10 ticket will provide you with a sweet treat at each participating business.

St. Paul's Family Life Council will have a table set up somewhere in the downtown area. Stop by and say Hi, and grab a treat.



Verlene Drohan
531 Fairlawn Dr
Archbold OH
43502

Elaine Boland would like to thank her church family for the remembrance of her 92nd birthday in September. She's grateful and was pleasantly surprised with all the phone calls, b-day cards, flowers, and other gifts she received. Her heart was warmed by your thoughtfulness.



Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

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

SUNDAY STATISTICS

Date	10:30 Worship	General Fund	Missions & More	Online Worship
09-06-2026	73	\$3143.00	\$394.32	n/a
09-13-2026	73	\$5011.00	\$168.00	4
09-20-2026	82	\$3169.00	\$53.00	n/a
09-27-2026	80	\$3925.00	\$87.00	n/a

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS GREETERS

4 Ann Fritsch (N)
Dail Fritsch (S)

11 Cindy Clark (N)
Judy Dye (S)

18 Kaylie Hayes (N)
Michael Hayes (S)

25 Markie Repp (N)
Darrin Repp (S)

ACOLYTE

4 Alea Klender
11 Amelia 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 Declan Repp
18 Darrin Repp
25 Jeremy Clinger

COMMUNION STEWARD

4 Tim & Roz Kline

CHILDREN'S TIME LEADER

11 Markie Repp
18 Children's Choir
25 Beth Reimund

ALTAR FLOWERS

4 Ric & Kelly Michael
11 Keith & Carol Carr
18 Anonymous
25 open

NURSERY CARE

*The nursery is open every Sunday during
the worship service.
We can always use more volunteers for this
ministry of our young worshipers.*

SOUND TECH SCHEDULE

Sept. 30/4 Ashton Salazar
7/11 Genevieve Repp
14/18 Anthony Salazar
21/25 Ashton Salazar
28/Nov 1 Genevieve Repp



We Appreciate you!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Let's shower Pastor Kevin & Carol with cards & calls letting them know how much they are appreciated in their commitment to God and the St. Paul's Methodist Church family.

Pastor Kevin,
Thank you for encouraging us when we are weak and celebrating with us when we are strong. We appreciate the way you lead us with truth and grace. Your love for God's Word is contagious, and your dedication to prayer covers us with peace. We are blessed to call you our pastor.

From the congregation at St. Paul's.



October 2nd is National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day,

encouraging appreciation for men and women who keep everything clean.

If you wish to send a thank you note to our St. Paul's Custodian you can do so using this address :
Kristin Huston



Please keep these families and groups in your prayers during this time of need.

Homebound: Mary Knepper, Dave Allman, Cheryle Gallagher, Jim Brace, Dianna Blank, Sandy Knapp, Stephanie Beckman, Elnor Gerren, Pat Collins, Marjorie Gearig, Helen Van Zile, Carol Doseck, Cindy King, Norma Snyder

Health & Healing : Verlene Drohan, Jeff Deetz, Taya Beck, Randy Fisher, George Bible, Ray Davis, Bruce Tumblin, Peggy Apt, Dee Heller, Kelly Michael, Vicki Schelling, Jailyann Price, Kayleigh Hicks, Paul Ledyard, Sharon Rice, Dr. Lindsey Bradbee, Becky Witker, Gerry Newbauer

Encouragement & Support : Earl Geren, Brian Ocen, Pastor Kevin, The Brokenhearted

Local & World Concerns: Christian Missionaries, The Unemployed, Unspoken Prayers, Veterans & Military Personnel, The Nation of Israel, Victims of Violent Crimes & Natural Disasters, Our Community, State, Nation & World

Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A _____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yehweh, God Most High and God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One

PUZZLE

A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID		KEY	
A	B	a = 7	e = 8
2	4	i = 10	o = 9
C	D	u = 11	y = 6
6	5		

"H e _____ nd _____ ll h _____ s f _____ m _____ l _____
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w _____ r _____ d _____ v _____ t _____ nd
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G _____ d-f _____ r _____ ng; h _____ g _____ v _____
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g _____ n _____ r _____ sl _____ t _____ th _____ s _____ n _____
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

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r _____ g _____ l _____ rl _____ . _____ cts 10:2, NIV
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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

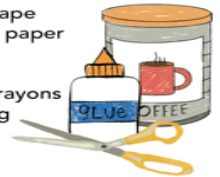
Give Thanks with Music

Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!



What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



Bible Quiz

Psalm 103 (ESV) begins: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____." What should we "not forget"?

- goodness
- kindness
- gifts
- benefits

Answer: (Psalm 103:2)



MISSIONS COLUMN

The Missions & Outreach Committee met in September and reviewed the success of the August CPC Baby Shower. They also approved the annual support for our adopted child, Brian Ocen, who lives at the Watoto Village in Africa. Please find letters, Brian sends occasionally, that are displayed on the disciple depot bulletin board. A financial donation was sent to Samaritan's Purse to help with the flood victims in Muskingum & Perry Counties. Financial



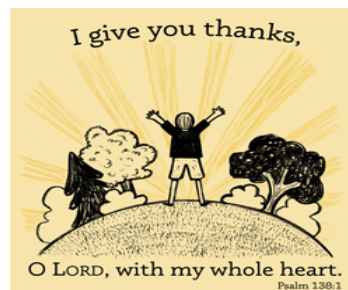
Trunk or Treat

donations were also approved for the support of the community "Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering" held in Montpelier in November along with a donation to the community food bank in Montpelier, "Helping Hands". Thank you to the St. Paul's church family for the generous donation of boxed and canned food items, cleaning supplies and condiments, during the September campaign. As has been done for many years, the Missions committee is asking St. Paul's congregants to donate bags of candy for hand out on trick-or-treat night, which will be held Saturday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If anyone wants to help hand out the treats, just show up and enjoy the children & costumes.

Please have the donated candy to the church by Sunday, October 18th so there is time to fill the small bags with candy, along with small boxes of raisins, provided by the Missions Committee. Thank you for your continued support of these outreach areas into the community.

A donation was also given to help off set expenses to purchase extra items to pack additional boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry in November.

Also in November we will be decorating a tree in the Disciple Depot fellowship area with hats, mittens, scarves and socks brought to the Church by the congregation. These items will be given to our angel tree families as well as other non-profit organizations who help provide warmth for struggling families in the cold months of winter. Please feel free to contact Mission Committee chairman, Armeda Sawmiller, for ideas on ways to reach out to others in sharing God's love and blessings.



Do you know a teen who would like to know more about our faith and its foundations? The youth group welcomes any student 5th-12th to join us in the basement youth area at 6-7 on Wednesday evenings. Youth, please feel free to invite your friends.

The youth group is challenging themselves to pick up their Bibles and read a passage of Isaiah before opening their favorite apps.

We have decided to report our progress to Kaylie to keep us accountable.

Happy Reading!



The Family Life Council will sponsor a bonfire and movie night on, Sunday, October 18th.

A family fun event for the **whole** church family. Come out and enjoy the autumn weather with fellowship around the campfire.

Stay tuned to bulletins and newsletters for more planned Fun, family themed events.



Church Mouse says...

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

- * Congratulations to all the participants of our church family who were involved in the Williams County Fair this year. Several of our youth showed and won awards for their animals or projects displayed with 4-H, and several adults were awarded prizes for their talent entry's along with many St. Paul's church family being involved working for businesses or community booths and/or displaying crafts and produce. Your community involvement is always a display of your giving spirit and hard work ethic. Thanks to Carol Carr for taking and posting pictures on our St. Paul's Facebook page for all to enjoy.
- * Everyone who provided fresh garden produce this spring, summer, and fall for others to enjoy.
- * Congratulations to Joyce Schelling for winning the best chili at our church's "Chili Cook-off" contest September 20th. It was a fun evening of sampling delicious food and sharing in great fellowship.



A Mission Opportunity **Operation** **Christmas Child.**

2026 Christmas season is fast approaching, and we have one more mission opportunity

for us, Jesus followers, to be a part of, it is Operation Christmas Child.

If you are not familiar with this program it is a mission outreach for the organization of Samaritan's Purse. This program collects and distributes shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to give to children who are in need throughout the world. Many of the children who receive shoeboxes are in locations that are in need. Many have never heard of Jesus' love for them, and some may have never received a Christmas gift, and through this program the children get both.

During this season we will show a video, or two, of the Operation Christmas Child program during our Sunday morning service, that will give us more information and introduce you to a few of the recipients of these boxes, so that you can see the impact your gift can make in a child's life.

I want to thank you for your past support for this mission opportunity. Last year we packed and shipped 152 shoeboxes, which exceeded our goal. So, this year our goal, which I believe is more than attainable, is 180 shoeboxes.

There are multiple ways to support this mission. One is to take and pack one, or more, shoebox(es) and return the box to the church with the appropriate shipping fee.

Another is to purchase age-appropriate gifts and place them in the containers here at the church. Another is to give cash for both the purchase of additional gifts, and shipping fees.

Another is to participate in the packing party which we will have more information about later.

Some suggestions for the gifts: Deflated soccer balls with pump, small dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, yo-yo's, slinkies. shoes, socks, hats, hair clips, combs, hairbrushes, and packaged toothbrushes. Crayons, small color books, and small notebooks, pens, pencils, pencil erasers, pencil sharpeners, as well as markers, and solar calculators.

However, there are things we cannot send. Not allowed: No war related toys or apparel, no liquids or aerosols, nothing breakable, medicines, vitamins, toothpaste, gum, food, candy, and anything that takes batteries.

Let us be extravagant in our generosity, remembering the bounty of blessings that God has given to us, and let us be Christ's hands and feet to the world.

Pastor and Mrs. Beth Dye

Boxes need to be back to the church by November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Dye. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this project.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Kermit Caudill
- 4 Beth Reimund
David Bauer
- 5 Matt Dye
- 6 Dennis Gearig
Stacey Thomas
- 7 Kimmy Ruble
- 9 Amy Boyer
Stephanie Ruffer
- 11 Jim Brace
Brennen Friend
Hanna Bumb
- 13 Fran Geesey
- 14 Reesa Hamlyn
- 16 Brit Moore
- 17 Sage Barlow
- 20 Emerlyn Waterston
- 21 Kevin Sommer
- 24 Melvin Bible
- 25 Brooke Gearig
Aislinn McGee
- 26 Brian Likens
- 28 Blayne Bible
- 30 Marjorie Gearig



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

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

Oct 13, Fran Geesey (91)
1203 Linden St
Montpelier OH 43543

Oct 30, Marjorie Gearig (101)
%Hillside Country Living
9876 Co Rd 16
Bryan OH 43506



- 1 Danny & Ashley Smith (10)
- 4 Ric & Kelly Michael (51)
- 7 Jim & Marty Brace (48)
- 10 Ryan & Kimmy Ruble (6)
- 12 Devin & Kaitlin Harter (13)
- 15 David & Sharon White (60)
- 21 Troy & Kandy Houk (37)
- 27 Tim & Roz Kline (47)



Congratulations to **Michael & Kaylie Hayes** upon their wedding that was held in a beautiful outdoor rustic setting on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Michael & Kaylie are making their home, with their daughter, Ezlyn at:

204 Williams St
Edon Ohio 43518

May God pour His blessings upon this union.

Congratulations on Your New Baby!



A celebration of new birth with the arrival of Roscoe Roy Vance August 31, 2026, son of Daniel & Alondra Vance. He weighed in at 9 lbs. and stretched to 19.5 inches. Proud grandparents are Keith & Carol Carr and great-grandma, Fran Geesey. The family currently resides in Casa Grande, AZ.



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