

STPAULNOW

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Worship Services are streamed live Sundays at 10:00 AM; videos are posted at stpaulnow.org and on Facebook Sunday afternoon.



We've celebrated his coming into the world as the baby in the manger. We've rejoiced at his manifestation to the world at the beginning of his ministry with its miracles and signs. Now we follow him in his passion. It's a time to grow in our appreciation of his sacrifice by making a few of our own: a little more time given to studying his Word and to prayer, extra time and effort in serving the needs of others, practicing discipline by giving up something we normally allow ourselves, thereby reminding our bodies that we are also souls.

God be with you in these days of renewal.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 11:15 AM and 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Join us for one of these services, each about thirty minutes in length.

Begin your Lenten pilgrimage with the mark of the holy cross, by which we are saved and restored to fellowship with God.

Lenten Soup Suppers and The Chosen



on Lenten Wednesdays 6:30 PM - c. 7:45 PM
Feb 25, Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25

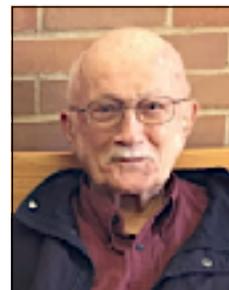
Strengthen your spiritual life by fellowship with other believers, and by reflecting on our Lord's work to claim us as his own.

Supper begins at 6:30 PM, and is followed by the showing of an episode of *The Chosen*, Season 5 and brief discussion of its meaning for us today. These episodes focus on the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry—perfect for Lent.

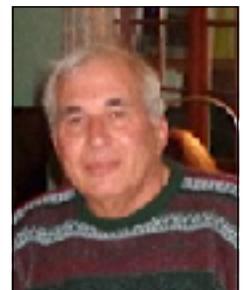
Now with the Lord

Two of our St. Paul members went to be with the Lord in January.

Frank Himler passed away at Marion General on January 9. His funeral was here at the church on January 16.



Frank Himler



David Haenszel

David Haenszel 7/26/1934 - 1/9/2026 9/24/1944 - 1/18/2026
died on January 18

at Grant Medical Center in Columbus. His funeral was at Gompf Funeral Home on January 23.

"Gracious God, give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love."

—from the Lutheran Book of Worship, Burial of the Dead

Tom, finally home and enjoying his mincemeat

pie as he continues to recover from open-heart surgery.



Tom, Linda, and Tim Ullom moved from Cardington to Cape Coral, FL last year, but connect often through our live-streamed worship service.

(Is mincemeat pie on the post-surgery diet? Alright—ONE pie.)

Happy February Birthday

5 Caleb Rose	10 Irene Fryman	23 Derek Goodman
7 Pam Linder	11 Jerry McDonald	26 Howard Radel
7 Jessica Potter	20 Margo McLaughlin	28 Jase Whittington
9 Steve Binkley	22 Kenneth Smith	

Please let us know if we missed anyone.

January Council meeting

Regular meeting, January 13, 6:30 PM

Present: Howard Radel (Vice Chairman), Mark Niendam (Vice Chairman), Sondra Carey (Secretary), Marie Christiano (Treasurer); Thomas Bathke, Steve Kirk, Terri Roberts, Pr. Steve Dennis

Council took the following actions:

- Approved the December reports of the Treasurer and Secretary; received the Pastor's report for November and December, 2025.
- Approved purchase and installations of a new mailbox to replace the old one which leaks causing soaked mail. The new box will also have a security lock to protect mail containing contributions.
- Approved the 2026 Lent-Easter schedule of services and events.

Treasurer's Report for December 2025

FUNDS	BALANCE 11/30/2025	INCOME December	EXPENSES December	BALANCE 12/31/2025
General Fund	\$11,764.14	\$12,857.25	\$10,427.86	\$14,193.53
Committed Funds				
Benevolence Fund	\$ 5,611.08	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,261.08
Richard Renz Fund	\$ 3,173.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,173.46
Funeral Fund	\$ 990.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 990.46
Christian Education Fund	\$ (185.94)	\$ 95.00	\$ 0.00	\$ (90.94)
Memorial Fund	\$12,871.00	\$(1,000.00)	\$ 0.00	\$11,871.00
Building Fund	\$15,184.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 7,685.00	\$ 8,624.00
Total Committed Funds	\$37,644.06	\$ 270.00	\$ 9,085.00	\$28,829.06
Total Funds (General + Committed)	\$49,408.20	\$13,127.25	\$19,512.86	\$43,022.59

Memorial Fund accounting correction (-\$1000); General Fund correction (+\$1000)
Benevolence Fund donation to LCMC, \$1000; Assistance to family in need, \$400

February Worship Service Assignments

February 1 communion setup: Marie Christiano Assisting Server: Dylan Goodman

Accompanists	Acolytes	Lectors	Prayer Leaders	Ushers
1 Kathy Hill	TBA	1 Sondra Carey	1 Sondra Carey	1 Tom Bathke & Charlie Seitz
8 Emilee McCabe		8 Marcy Niendam	8 Mark Niendam	8 Jay Burns & Jeff Radel
15 Emilee McCabe		15 Marlene Radel	15 Marlene Radel	15 Bob Dutt, Jr. & Howard Radel
22 Emilee McCabe		22 Toni Binkley	22 Charlene Pace	22 Dave Radiger & Charlie Seitz

Men's Bible Study

Meets at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Meets at the church each Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

2026 Church Council



Left to right: Pastor Steve Dennis, Mark Niendam (Vice Chairman), Steve Kirk (at-large), Marie Christiano (Treasurer), Howard Radel (Chairman), Sondra Carey (Secretary), Tom Bathke (at-large), Terri Roberts (at-large).

Nominating Committee



The 2026 Nominating Committee consists of elected members Tina Radel (left), Toni Binkley, Barbie Cargill (inset), and ex-officio members Pastor Steve Dennis and Council Vice Chairman, Mark Niendam.

Cardington Food Pantry



Needs for February: Jar of Jelly, Canned fruit, cans of tuna.

Featured donations for the months ahead:

March: Canned potatoes, diced tomatoes, pasta sauce

April: Canned vegetables, noodles, sugar

All months: cereal, flour, meals in a can (e.g., spaghetti, beef stew), soup, white and brown sugar, salt/pepper.

Monetary donations can also be mailed to Cardington Food Pantry, P.O. Box 168, Cardington OH 43315.