

THE SPIRIT OF ST. PAUL'S

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUTUMN 2024

Written by Pastor Pete Bowmer

1 Peter 2:4-8 (The Message)

4,5 Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The builders took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.

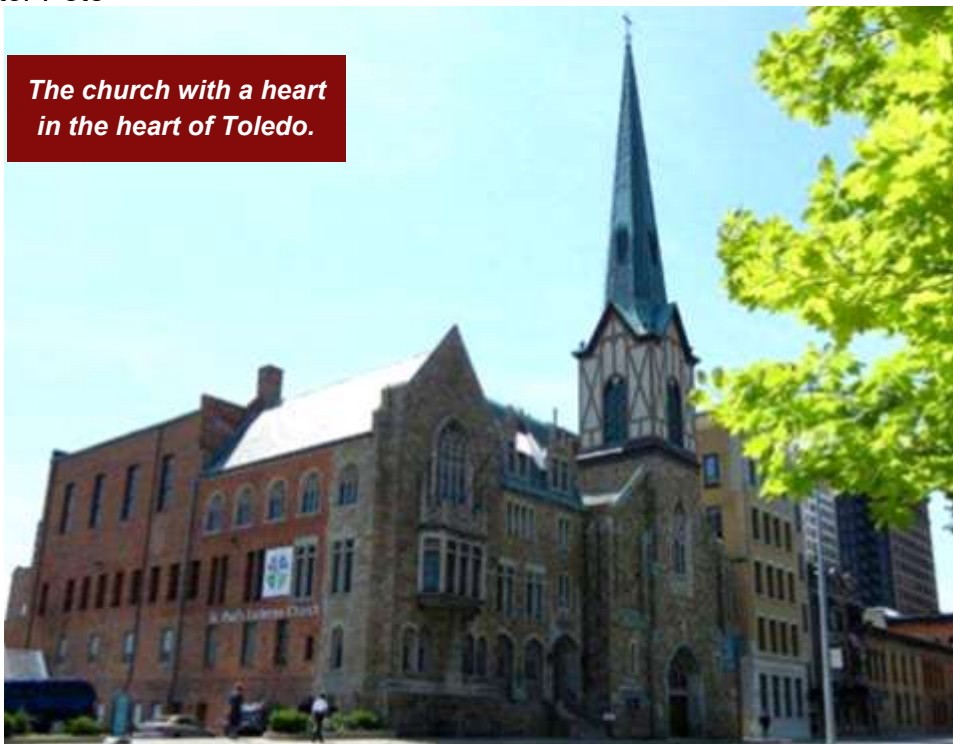
The Parish House is 100 years old! Imagine what life was like in 1924. Imagine Toledo one century ago. Life seems so different now. New technologies, microwaves, tv's, computers, social media, and a 24/7 news cycle! But really things have not changed. People are still aching to be loved and searching to find meaning and purpose in life. People are trying to make ends meet, desperate to put a healthy meal on the table. People are wanting authentic, respectful relationships. And in 100 years we, the people, will still be searching for those same things, no matter how technology and our world changes.

Jesus is our LIVING STONE. The foundation of our life. A foundation which supports everything with love, mercy, justice, inclusion and peace. We have an amazing building in the Parish House. It is central to so much of our history. But we can never lose sight of the fact that our lives are not built on concrete and stone and steel. Our lives ARE built on the LIVING STONE. Built on Jesus, who holds us all together, we too are people of love, mercy, justice, inclusion and peace. We too are living stones. Others reject the LIVING stone. And we will similarly be rejected. Some in the world indeed seek the trappings of physical wealth. But those things fade. A building of brick, stone, concrete and steel will eventually fade and crumble. But the Stone that was rejected is THE stone that lives forever. Our foundation is sure and life giving. Love, mercy, justice, inclusion and peace are eternal. They are what the world craves, and ultimately in Jesus are what binds us all together. Healing, health and wholeness. Blessed to be a blessing.

Cheers,

Pastor Pete

*The church with a heart
in the heart of Toledo.*



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COMMUNITY HEART CAFÉ

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
10 AM - 11 AM in the Social Room

Written by Pastor Pete

Community Heart Cafe is supporting our neighborhood by providing nutritious meals, shoes, clothing, jackets, hygiene products, books to read and keep, and take home bread. Guests are also offered legal services and cell phones and tablets in a safe, inclusive environment. Since the tragic death of Cindy Kirk, Pastor Pete has been acting as Program Director.

We are now looking for a new Program Director.

The position would require 5-10 hours per week. Remuneration will be negotiated.

Duties include

- Supervise, coordinate and recruit café staff and volunteers
- Administrative tasks
- Assist with menu preparation
- Initiate and coordinate support ministries
- Attend meals
- Coordinate fundraisers, sponsors, grants and community awareness activities
- Provides regular reports to the Board

Please share your expression of interest with Pastor Pete Bowmer, pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org

Number of Meals Served:

JUNE - 503

JULY - 675

AUGUST - 343 (by 8/20)

RIGHT: One of the meals served to our guests.

Mac & cheese with sausage, chips & salsa, peas and carrots, buttered bread, chocolate cake and grape juice.



If interested in donating or volunteering, email pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org

PLENTY 4 ALL

Written by Jack SoRelle

The floods in Kenya finally receded and with the roads and bridges rebuilt Pollycap Ogalo was able to travel to Emulama and deliver the last 4 Haines Solar Ovens to Joseph Alela and his Plenty4All Coop.

In Ndhiwa 2 acres were flooded destroying a very promising crop of The Three Sisters. Yes, I'm talking about the American Indian practice of growing corn, peas and squash together and it was growing nicely. Even more serious is the loss of topsoil which is critical to growing crops.

Meanwhile in Lumuruti, Jackline Miriti and the women and children of the Plenty4All Coop have just harvested an abundant crop of sweet potatoes, maize and vegetables. After harvesting the fields were immediately prepared for planting the next rotation of crops.

It is important to have the right seeds at the proper time to successfully plant, grow and harvest crops. Local indigenous heirloom seeds that can be saved are purchased by each of the Plenty4All Coops locally with funds sent by Pollycap. The seeds in the bowls were chosen by the Plenty4All Coop of Lumuruti and the rest were selected by Pollycap to be grown in Ndhiwa.



ABOVE: Flooding in Kenya

TOP LEFT:
BOTTOM LEFT:



FROM TOP LEFT TO RIGHT: Variety of beans, fayot beans, black delichos beans, green grams, brown red speckled beans, pinto beans, lentils, soybeans, cranberry beans, sorghum, maize corn, and millet.

Please make donations payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and include "Plenty4 All" in the memo line.

To learn more please visit: www.facebook.com/Plenty4All/

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Written by Randy Hutchinson

“I’m not gonna give up, shut up, or let up, until I’m taken up... as a matter of fact, I’m just getting warmed up.”

~ Zig Zigler

This quote from Zig Ziglar seem to define the spirit of the St. Paul’s community. Even with declining membership the last 20+ years, we continue to push forward with our eyes on the future and confidence that our mission will continue to serve the community.

One important element in our continuance is our financial survival. Let me begin by stating that with our Foundation and investment accounts, we are in a position that almost all other “traditional congregations” would find enviable. We are most certainly not in immediate danger financially.

We are also thankful for the members who have supported us in the past and continue to support St. Paul’s with their offerings and donations.

But we must also be aware that life in the 21st century is very different, and we will need to be creative in finding other alternate sources of income as our Sunday morning envelopes will not be sufficient to sustain us forever. We have all heard various versions of the wisdom that “we must grow or die”.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

So, using Zig's quote as a template, here are some things I would ask that you prayerfully consider.

Not gonna give up – This one we seem to have a handle on, as seen in the volunteer hours that our membership puts in whenever and wherever it is needed. We believe in the mission of St. Paul's, and trust that God is working through St. Paul's still.

Not gonna shut up – This is a big one. We need to be willing to speak up about the vital missions that take place at St. Paul's. Contributions do not need to come only from those who show up on Sunday Morning. As we have seen from the success of the Heart Gallery, events drawing people from outside our membership can result in donations that we would not otherwise receive.

So, we need to be intentional about sharing these events with everyone we know. An especially relevant event currently is the Parish House Anniversary Fund that Kate has spearheaded. So often when I mention St. Paul's to people I come in contact with, they will relate a story about being touched by St. Paul's at some time in their past. These people want St. Paul's to continue to succeed even though they may not want to show up on Sunday morning. We need to be diligent in sharing opportunities for them to support the ministry.

Never gonna let up – Approximately 2 years ago we began to look more purposefully for opportunities to receive grant funds, and have had some success in that area. One of the biggest challenges in receiving grant money is simply knowing what grants exist and the processes to apply for them. Does your employer (or prior employer) have a grant program? How about any fraternal organizations or groups you belong to? I urge you to keep your eyes and ears open, to look for grant opportunities and bring them to the attention of Kate or myself. Neither of us is shy about asking for support, so if you don't want to run with it yourself, give us the ball and we will follow up.

Other sources of revenue are being explored such as the donut ministry, the celebration of life ministry, and rental/use of the building. Please be open to the use of our building (which I know so many of you love) by outsiders and the public. Letting our light shine by sharing our spaces can be both a ministry and a source of revenue.

If you are not aware, both Thrivent and Kroger have programs that are providing money to St. Paul's. If you are a member of Thrivent or have a Kroger plus card, Ashley can give you information on how your purchases can benefit St. Paul's. Maybe your relatives and neighbors can sign up too. Every little bit helps. It cost nothing to sign up, so why not?

Until I am taken up – This can be a touchy subject to some, but the truth is that much of our past financial stability has come from memorials. Have you included a donation to St. Paul's in your will? Would St. Paul's be listed as a suggested donation for people who want to send a contribution in your honor? Support from people long gone is still supporting what we do today, so think about the opportunity to pay forward into the future ministries of St. Paul's.

We are just getting warmed up as we take St. Paul's into the future, so please continue to support this ministry, give thought to what resources you may know of and how they may be able to be a blessing to St. Paul's, and think creatively about additional ways for St. Paul's to generate the revenue needed to continue to be the church with a heart in the heart of Toledo.

Ideas and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged!

SUNDAY READINGS

SEPTEMBER 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SEPTEMBER 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

SEPTEMBER 15

Isaiah 50:4-9a
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

SEPTEMBER 22

Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

SEPTEMBER 29

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

OCTOBER 6

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 20

Isaiah 53:4-12
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

NOVEMBER 3

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

NOVEMBER 10

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 17

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 24

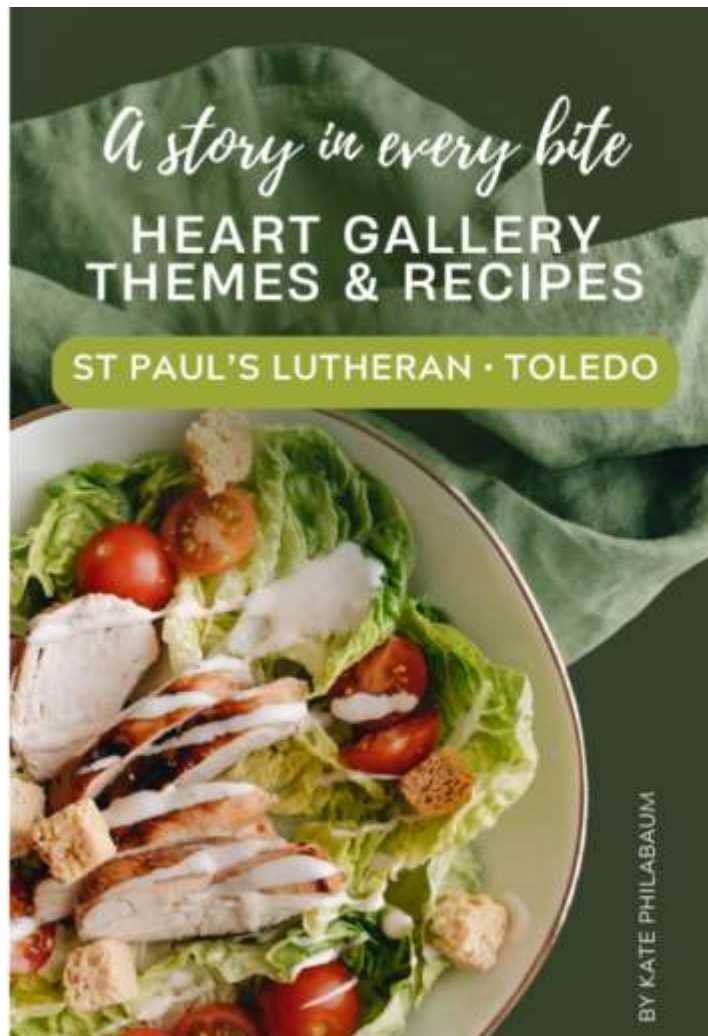
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Did you know?

In 1922-1924 a campaign of pledges began to build our present Parish House. It was completed in 1924 at a cost of about \$150,000 and dedicated on September 21, 1924.

COOKBOOK & WORSHIP

PRE-ORDER COOKBOOK \$20
proceeds to anniversary fundraiser



+ WORSHIP

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| <p>Sept 8-22
10:15am
<i>Living Stones</i>
100th anniversary
You yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter: 5</p> <p>1st Vince Krolak, trumpet
8th Tom Reed, soloist
15th Alex Munson, violin
22nd Academy Brass</p> | <p>Sept 29
10:15am
<i>Hymn Sing Sunday</i>
sign up for your favorite hymns!</p> <p>Thurs Oct 10
11:00am
NWOS Recognition of Roster Ministers service & lunch</p> | <p>Mon Nov 4
12:00pm
<i>Peace Vigil</i>
in the Narthex before Election Day</p> <p>Sat Nov 16
9:00am
Set up Christmas in sanctuary with BGSU baseball team</p> | <p>Dec 1-22
10:15am
<i>Joy To The World</i>
Advent series</p> <p>4:00pm
<i>Nativity Concerts</i></p> <p>Dec 24
5:00pm
<i>Christmas Eve</i></p> |
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100TH ANNIVERSARY

100th ANNIVERSARY PARISH HALL

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has a rich 172 year history of innovative worship and outreach that has adapted to meet the changing needs of its congregation and surrounding community. Many landmark events, including the formation of the American Lutheran Church (1930), have taken place within its walls, which remain an exquisite example of Gothic architecture in the heart of Toledo, with 20' stunning stained glass windows lining each side of the sanctuary.

The Parish Hall addition was completed in September 1924. Built to house a school, Sunday school, and staff offices, it also boasted a third floor gymnasium with showers, a Ladies Parlor, and an auditorium with dramatic chandeliers and wrap around balcony. One hundred years of educational programming, basketball and dart ball leagues and city tournaments, ladies teas,

Luther League and numerous mission events have been held within its walls. For the past seven years, the Parish Hall has been used primarily for HeART Gallery functions - a new ministry of St. Paul's. We invite you to donate to our Parish House fundraiser and help us to provide quality programming, building updates, and experiences that promote faith building, conversation and inspiration.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Sun Sept 15 • 4pm

*Buster Keeton Silent Movie
"Our Hospitality"*

Thurs Sept 19. • 12pm

*Lunch & Learn "Amelia Earhart"
re-enactor Earhart 1924 Toledo visit*

Sun Sept 22. • 10:15am

*Celebration Worship
Academy Brass & Organ
Lunch following*

FUNDRAISER INFO

PICK A DATE *to donate*

100TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH HALL FUNDRAISER

\$40K



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
29	30	31	ANY ★ AMOUNT			

CHOOSE DATE(S) WITH SPECIAL MEANING. WE WILL PUBLICIZE & HONOR WITH YOU.

USE PAYPAL (★) WWW.STPAULSTOLEDO.ORG OR ANNIVERSARY ENVELOPE
DONATIONS WILL FUND FUTURE MINISTRIES & PARISH HALL IMPROVEMENTS. GOAL \$40K

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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or PAYPAL at www.stpaulstoledo.org

HEART GALLERY EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN

AMELIA EARHART

BY JULIE WARREN
WOMEN'S HISTORY ACTOR

THUR SEPT 19 • 12PM

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
PARISH HALL ANNIVERSARY
1924-2024

PICTURED AMELIA EARHART
IN TOLEDO 1924



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lunch
&
learn

KING ARTHUR FLOUR INVITES
TOLEDO'S HOME BAKERS

HOLIDAY COOKIE FESTIVAL

SAT OCT 12 • 12PM
THUR OCT 17 • 12PM

COOKIE TABLE
DEMOS
SPEAKERS/JUDGING
LUNCHEON BUFFET

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HEART GALLERY EVENTS

Events that inspire, entertain and engage with topics of interest to NW Ohioans.

Lunch events are by donation and include a speaker, art exhibit and themed meal. A casual atmosphere promotes conversation and learning for all ages.

Reservations are appreciated to kate@stpaulstoledo.org



SPECIAL EVENT
GLOBAL GALA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WOMEN OF TOLEDO
SAT NOV 9 • 5-9PM
CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY FASHION, FOOD & CULTURE OF TOLEDO
TICKETED EVENT

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The poster for the Global Gala event features a woman in a vibrant, multi-colored traditional Mexican folk costume dancing. The text on the poster provides details about the event, including its date, time, and location. A photograph of several dancers in similar costumes performing on a stage is shown to the right of the poster.



LUNCH & LEARN
HERITAGE TRAVEL
WITH MARK HOLBROOK
THUR NOV 21 • 12PM
THEMED LUNCH FRIENDSGIVING ACTIVITIES
HAPPY Friends GIVING

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The poster for the Heritage Travel event features a stack of old, sepia-toned photographs. The text on the poster provides details about the event, including its date, time, and location. A photograph of a stack of old photographs is shown to the right of the poster.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Concerts

AT THE NATIVITY FESTIVAL

4-5PM SUNDAYS • FREE WILL OFFERING

Asteria String Quartet

Sunday, Dec 1 Light classics with global twist

Chloe & the Steel Strings

Sunday, Dec 8 Folk Americana Style with carols

Academy Brass Quintet

Sunday, Dec 15 Traditional carols brass & organ

Siberian Solstice

Sunday, Dec 22 Transiberian style played by locals

Nativi-Tea

THURSDAY, DEC 19 LUNCH & LEARN
11AM CAROLS OF THE NATIVITY
12PM TEA BUFFET • VIEW NATIVITIES



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Fridays & Sundays 4-7pm

DEC 1 - 22

Artist-In-Residence FRIDAY NIGHTS at 5PM

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES at 4PM

Activities for families • Seasonal snacks

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GATHERINGS

LUNCH BUNCH

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lunch Bunch Outings!

- September 8 at Jing Chuan
- October 13 - location to be determined
- November 10 - location to be determined

Reservations are needed. You may call or text Cindy Rockwell (419-270-9137) or Wayne Ludwig (419-509-5387) or email to cynthiar@bex.net.

Saturday, October 5 • 11am
Courthouse Lawn

*Blessing
of the
Animals*



Honor and recognize the animals in our lives and their importance to us.
Blessing given by Pastor Pete Bowmer
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SUSAN G KOMEN RACE

We will be doing the drinks and Prayer Stones during the Susan G Komen Race on Sunday, September 29th.

Anyone wanting to help fill lemonade bottles, can come Saturday, the 28th to the church kitchen at 11:00am. On Sunday we will meet at 8:30 to set-up behind Church on Huron St and begin passing out drinks at 9:30. This is a fun rewarding outreach for us. Hope you can help.

Any questions email Judy judykolhoff58@gmail.com

ANIESE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Many of the St. Paul's family and Aniese's colleagues and friends gathered to celebrate Aniese's 100th birthday in June.

PICTURED: Aniese (middle) celebrates his 100th birthday with Bob Storer (101) on the left and Jeanne Sonnenberg (99) on the right.



CELEBRATE WITH US

WELCOME!

We are committed to you, the community, and the world around us. We believe God's love embraces all persons equally, no matter their age, ethnicity, race, abilities, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, citizen status, political leanings, religious expression, or any other boundaries the world uses to decide who is worthy and who is not. We are striving to be open and inclusive. We commit to loving YOU and caring for YOU by showing YOU the love of Jesus that we have received freely from God.

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Ron & Jan Vogelpohl

OCTOBER

Oscar & Becky Abitua

NOVEMBER

Sandy & Wayne Ludwig

Scan the QR code to view the full article featuring our mural "Awakening" symbol meanings & additional photos.



BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Bridget Maruk
Keeley Bowmer
Jeanne Lesniewicz
Sharon McGill
Dawn Eiche
Rachel Gendron

OCTOBER

Keith Christ
Jacki Druckemiller
Randy Hutchinson
Ruth Barker
Nancy Atkins
Diane Pauken
Pete Bowmer
Madelyn Dayton

NOVEMBER

Tina Sprouse
Jim Blum
Dick Hillyer
Peggy Bumcrots
Renee Caris
Dan Lazenby
Bill Aring
Evelyn Bumcrots
Bonnie Koester

MEMORIALS (6/19 - 8/21)

In Memory of Marv Caris

Larry & Jan Montrie, Bob Storer, Jim Blum

In Memory of Anne Schumann

Jim Blum, Nancy Atkins, Betty Moser, Ron & Jan Vogelpohl, Dan & Sandy Lazenby

In Memory of Gary Paulsen

Ron & Jan Vogelpohl, Wayne & Sandy Ludwig, Dan & Judy Kolhoff, Jack & Judi Dauer, Oscar & Becky Abitua, Nancy Atkins, Bob Storer, Jill Calcamuggio, Betty Moser, Paula Hiett, Peggy Bumcrots, Helen Deal, Vicki & Robert Holmes, Roy & Shelli Burgoon, J Cletus & Kathy Schnapp, William & Annette Gadt

In Memory of Nancy Einhart

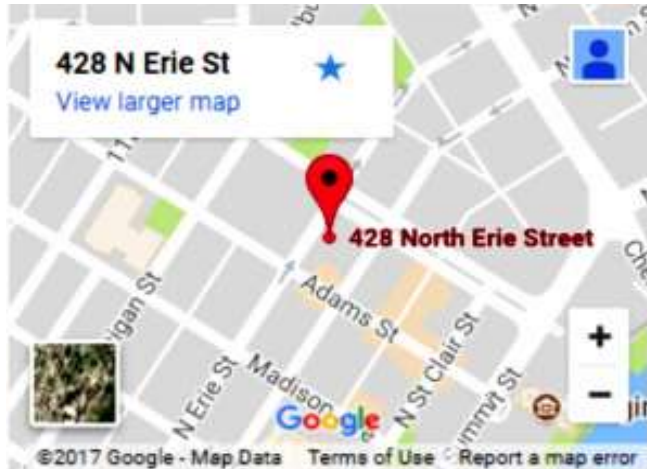
Wayne & Sandy Ludwig, Oscar & Becky Abitua, Nancy Atkins

Thank you all for your generosity!

If there is anything you would like to share in the WINTER edition of the Spirit (December, January & February) please send the info to office@stpaulstoledo.org or call 419-243-4214.

Submissions must be received by 11/9.

Directions & Parking



Donate to St. Paul's



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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM

Worship

Sundays 10:15AM led by
Pastor Peter Bowmer

Watch Services

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Parking Downtown

If visiting MON - SAT 7AM - 4PM request a parking validation code from the office to use the Kwik Park lot beside the church. Paid on street parking is also available.

Wheelchair accessible entrances are available through the red main Sanctuary entrance off Erie (the far right door with small ramp) and from the parking lot entrance. If entering through the parking lot entrance, go through the Social Room.

The church with a heart in the heart of downtown Toledo.

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