

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 2025

THE COMMUNICATOR

“Food For Thought, Food for the Soul and Some Mashed Potatoes on the Side.”

Guarding the Treasure that Changes Us

“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” (2 Timothy 1:13–14)

When Paul told Timothy to “guard the good deposit,” he wasn’t just telling him to preserve words on a page. He was pointing to something living and powerful: *The gospel that transforms lives.*

God’s Word is not only truth to remember, it is truth that reshapes us. When the Spirit plants the gospel deep in our hearts, it begins to change the way we see the world, the way we treat others, and the way we walk through our struggles. The good deposit is meant to be lived out.

I think of a man who once told me that before Christ got hold of him, he lived with anger as his constant companion. Small frustrations would set him off, and he carried grudges for years. But when he began to take God’s Word seriously, the Spirit worked on him. He started praying through Scripture and asking for God’s help to live differently. Over time, he said he didn’t recognize himself. His heart softened, his temper cooled, and he began to forgive people who had hurt him deeply. The gospel didn’t just change what he believed. It changed who he was becoming.

That’s what happens when we guard the treasure of the gospel. We are guarding the Spirit’s work in us; the new life we’ve been given. And as that life grows, others notice. They see Christ in us, not because we are perfect, but because His truth is shaping us day by day.

-Pastor Ed



SPECIAL TIMES

Adult Forum 8:45 AM

Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Service Live
Streamed on Facebook
and YouTube

Televised Service - TSC

Cable, Channel 2 , Digital
Channel 1 (1 week delay)

Monday @ 7:00 pm

**What a day we had for
Rally Day 2025!!**

We were blessed to have our Sunday School start off with great numbers in attendance, along with lots of youth to help and have some fun together. Our fellowship hall was filled with laughter, Western spirit, and the mouth-watering aromas of chili and brownies. **Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, voted, and joined in the fun!!**



You helped make this day such a blessing for our church family. Alongside the fun, we also carried out our Rally Day mission project: **A food drive for AGAPE Ministries.** The men and women of the church squared off in a friendly competition, and **Together we collected almost 300 lbs. of food!** By the way, the women brought in 50 lbs.

more than the men. Thank you for your generosity. These gifts will make a real difference for families in need. This day could not have happened without the hard work of our participants, organizers, and volunteers. From Chili Chefs and Brownie Bakers to decorators, servers, our Firefighter Friends, and all who helped clean up afterwards, **We Thank You All!** Rally Day reminded us that when we share our gifts, whether in cooking, serving, or giving, **God Multiplies the Blessing!!**





Prayer and Care Ministry

Prayer Team: Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included on the public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, Carol's cell (419) 305-6164, or the church office.

You are invited to the “Caregiving from the Heart Support Group” held at St. Paul's. **The October meeting will be on the 6th at 7:00 pm in the church Chapel.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. The session will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman. The purpose of the gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and locate helpful resources.

Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, if you have any questions.

H.E.A.L.

HEAL is a once-a-month grief support group which provides a safe place where you or perhaps a friend of yours who has experienced a deep loss can feel surrounded by others who are walking the same or similar path. Too often well-meaning friends and family try to empathize with us in our grief by saying "I know how you feel". The truth is, no one really knows how you feel. Everyone must deal with bereavement in their own unique way. Grief does not go away or disappear in a few months, contrary to what others might expect and tell you. It is important to allow yourself time to grieve and time to begin to reshape the world that has changed all around you. Pastor Ed Karges invites you to come and experience comfort and a safe place of belonging, the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the chapel at St. Paul's UCC.

Adult Bible Study – Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor

Thursdays, September 18 – November 6 6:30PM – 7:30 PM | Heritage Hall

Join Pastor Ed on an 8-week journey into one of Jesus' most powerful teachings: The call to love God, love ourselves, and love our neighbors. Together, we'll explore what these commands mean for our daily lives and how they shape the way we follow Christ.

Our time each week will include teaching, open discussion, and practical ways to live out God's call to love. 4

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS



If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Breaking Bread has ended for this year, as our Kitchen Remodel will begin after the Fall Cafeteria on October 1st. **We will resume regular meals on Thursday, January 8th, 2026.** We have put together a list of some other upcoming meal opportunities in the area:

Mondays—Living Hope Church 1130 Indiana Ave, St. Marys

Eat in or carryout, serving 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Wednesdays—Grace Church 1001 Holly St, St. Marys

Eat in or carryout, serving 4:00 - 5:45 pm. (no carryout 2nd Wednesday of the month)

St. Marys 'Giving Thanks' Meal: Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27, 11:00am—1:00pm at the High School, Eat in or Carryout. For shut in delivery please call Joni Gatton, 419-305-1997 no later than Nov 25, the Tuesday before the dinner.

Food Distribution: AGAPE Ministries (419) 394-8700 Call for details

LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S: The October Ladies' Luncheon will be at **JT's in St. Mary's** on Thursday, October 2nd at 11:30 am. All ladies of the church are invited.

QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to ?? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332.

BINGO will be held on the following Tuesdays:

Oct. 7th — Otterbein 5:30pm

Nov. 4th — Vancrest 6:30pm

Dec. 2nd—Otterbein 5:30pm



We are in need of BINGO helpers and cookies

Please call Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264 to let her know if you can help in any way.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, October 21st at 1:00pm in the Hospitality Room

Here is your opportunity to change lives:

Our yearly mission trip to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS, is scheduled for March 22-28, 2026. It seems a long way off but time flies. If you are interested, please let Jeanette Tangeman know, and she will get you all the information you need. Call or Text 419-234-7935, or email: tangeman@ohiolink.net.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Special offering October 5th

(part of our 5 for 5 UCC offerings)

Remember that our Neighbors in Need offering is the first Sunday in October. This is a special mission offering for the United Church of Christ, supporting ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

FALL CAFETERIA 2025

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Chicken or Swiss Steak

Adults \$11, Children (11 and under) \$6

Craft/Bake Sale 1:00 – 6:30pm in Heritage Hall

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Join us and dine in the Fellowship Hall, or you can drive through carryout by entering the main parking lot from High Street.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at the door, or from Jane Laird or Jane Nuss.

Volunteers Needed !!

Fall Cafeteria /Craft and bake Sale

The Women's Guild's annual Cafeteria/Craft and Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Many volunteers and helpers are needed to make this an enjoyable, successful event. There are many ways for you to help! Donations of craft projects and bake sale items are needed as well as volunteers to help with the sale that day. Set-up crew, food servers, dining room/carry out assistants, and clean up crews are needed for the cafeteria meal. Pies and Angel Food cakes are needed to serve as desserts for the meal. Please consider giving of your time and talents toward this major fundraiser for the Women's Guild. Contact Jane Laird at 419-231-1736 or e-mail jlaird612@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets will also be available after the Worship Service on Sundays and also in the church office. Thank You!!



TIME TO CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!! AGAPE Ministries is accepting new or gently used winter coats (all sizes). Also, donations of **New winter** hats, gloves, scarves and socks would be appreciated. There is a barrel located in the sanctuary where you can leave these items. Donations have already begun and will be accepted until October 30th. This is a great opportunity to bless those less fortunate with cold weather coming soon.



All Saints Sunday: November 2nd

November 2nd is **All Saints Day**, a day set aside as a symbolic reminder of all of those who have touched our lives and have been witnesses to our faith throughout our lives. It is during this special service, that we are reminded of the sacredness of this life and of the lives of those who live within us and whose love fills us.

During the time of remembrance in our traditional service, the names of those who have passed in the past year are spoken aloud during worship, a candle lit and a chime rung in their memory.

Once again, we invite everyone to participate in an act of corporate worship by remembering those you love by placing a bell on the “**All Saints Banner of Bells.**” The Banner will be centrally located in the sanctuary for the three Sundays preceding Nov. 2nd and next to the banner will be a basket of bells with ribbon and a pin for you to hang on the banner. Or if you prefer, you may bring a small bell or bells to pin on the banner in memory of departed family members and friends, who are the saints who have gone before. You may hang as many bells as you would like.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



9 —Ethan Frankenhauser
18—Beckett Clark

RALLY DAY was a great success!! We had 15 children and 7 High School Students. They loved playing Tug-of-War, and the horse races were a Big Hit. **THANK YOU** to Nick Frankenhauser for organizing the Youth events! The children really enjoyed seeing the Firetruck, and we want to give a big **THANK YOU** to Pastor Ed for all that he did to put this day together!!

September KIDKONNECT was a Great Time. The kids had a scavenger hunt, and painted a cross made from glue and salt.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 5th: World Communion Day. The children will be singing in the morning worship service.

October 15th: KIDKONNECT

November 19th: KIDKONNECT

December 14th: Kids' Christmas Program

Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's - **Just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door.** If you have a lot of cans and would like to take them to the recycling center and donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.



ST. PAUL'S HISTORY

NOTES, STORIES, FACTS FROM THE PAST ISSUE 5



New Church Dedication 1915

This is a picture of the beginners department in 1949.

Do you see anyone you know?

49 children and 5 teachers



THANK YOU!

Pastor Ed,

Thank you for the Funeral Service, and Thank You to the women's guild for the lovely dinner for family and friends. Thank you all for your Prayers and Support.

- the family of Betty Hall



We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to:

The family of Brenda Speckman, who passed away in August

Kathleen Larsen & her family at the loss of Kathleen's son, Dan

Grace Young & family, at the passing of grace's sister, Dorothy Prueter

Tom & Ruth Knous and family; Tom's mother Barb passed away in June.

*We pray God's Peace and Comfort over you, and that you may feel
his presence at this time.*



To the Organ Refurbish fund:

Melody Grunden In Memory of William Grunden



FALL

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PUMPKIN
GOLDEN
APPLE
PEARS

CRUNCHY
AUTUMN
LEAVES
BRISK
TREES

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2025

Current Fund:

Budgeted through August 31, 2025 = \$ 177,938.00
Received through August 31, 2025 = \$ 146,153.00
Expenses through August 31, 2025 = \$ 147,177.00
Received through August 31, 2024 = \$ 140,233.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through August 31, 2025 = \$ 10,000.00
Received through August 31, 2025 = \$ 8,605.00
Received through August 31, 2024 = \$ 10,828.00

STATUS OF 2025 BUDGET:

Current Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 200,180.25
Budgeted through Sept. 14, 2025 = \$ 189,059.12
Received through Sept. 14, 2025 = \$ 153,611.00

Mission Fund:

Budgeted through Sept. 30, 2025 = \$ 11,250.00
Budgeted through Sept. 14, 2025 = \$ 10,625.00
Received through Sept. 14, 2025 = \$ 9,058.00



If you are not already on the prayer team email list, and would like to be, please provide Carol Schmidt with a valid email address.

Carol's email is:

lschmidt@bright.net



OCTOBER LOOSE AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

October 5 organ Fund

October 5 Neighbors in Need Offering

October 12 Agape Helping Hands





The Bulletin Board

- ♦ If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know. The hospitals are not permitted to inform churches when a member is admitted.
- ♦ Please email the church office at smucc@bright.net with address corrections or if you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed during the correct month. Or, call 419-394-3811.
- ♦ **CALL-EM-ALL:** Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any issues with the Call-Em-All phone messages. Also, if you would like to be removed from the call list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to “opt out” of any future broadcasts. This will remove your number from the calling list.
- ♦ **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:** *Just a reminder that we have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for “**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**”. The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!*
- ♦ **OFFERING ENVELOPES** - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also, if you are giving through VANCO and no longer wish to receive giving envelopes, please let the office know so we can stop the envelopes.
- ♦ **COPIES:** If you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. The Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper, or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own.
- ♦ If you would like to Volunteer to help stuff the Newsletters for mailing, please email us at smucc@bright.net and we will add you to the list; only takes about two hours, once a month.
- ♦ If you would be interested in receiving the Newsletter via email, rather than through the mail, please notify the church office and we will add you to the email list.
- ♦ We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2025** Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment in the Sanctuary.

Highlights of September 10, 2025 Consistory Meeting

- ♦ Upcoming open positions on Consistory next year were discussed.
- ♦ The Budget Committee is beginning to work on next year’s budget.
- ♦ The back wall by the elevator has been sealed, and the new oven ordered for the Kitchen.
- ♦ Tickets are on sale now for the Fall Cafeteria

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 1—Andrea Clark
2—Mike Laird
Tom Peterson
Nathan Long
3—Brennan Brown
4—Sandra Clausing
8—Michelle Wale
Kendra Eymer
Renee Caywood
9—Connie Frey
Kim Opperman
10—James Nuss
11—Kelly Harner
Kim Hertenstein
Marilyn Schroer
12—Lori Scheer
Michael Briggs
Melinda Nedderman
13—Sue Schnelle
14—William Nuss
15—Jean Smith
Amanda McDonald
Karen Felts
16—Tami Sanford
17—Sheryl Gray
Jenny Luedeke
Traci Lauth
18—Ralph Heckler
20—Janet Hoge
Tom Deitsch
Cara Mabry

OCTOBER

- 23—Deb Carmean
Craig Gottschalk
Tyler Nuss
24—Laura Yelton
Brad Speckman
25—Kenneth Koeper
Leah Walter
26—Melissa Burden
27—Marsha Heckler
Caleb Turner
28—Brooke Turner
29—Ronald Ketchum
30—Kellie Harris
31—Karl Sollman
Kayla Settlemyre

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- 2—Steve & Penny Brown
3—Steve & Sara Katterheinrich
4—Jerry & Jen Lucas
6—David & Kara Birt
7—Daryl & Cara Mabry
13—Chad & Leslie Laman
14—Glenn & Lynda Hadley
16—James & Neva Rowen
18—Bret & Jennifer Gaston
21—Richard & Paige Canfield
22—Charles & Jennifer Tuttle
23—Kyle & Aimee Opperman
24—Andrew & Brooke Bradley

October

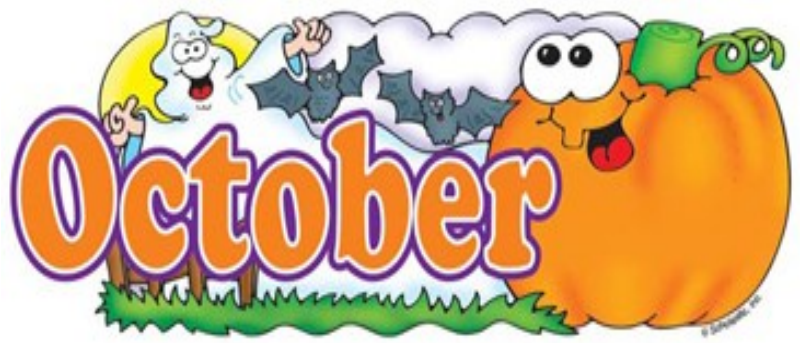
2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 QUILTING 9:00 AM FALL CAFETERIA !! 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm CRAFT/BAKE SALE 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	LADIES LUNCHEON 2 JT's 11:30 am Personnel Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Bible Study Heritage Hall 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	3	4
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26 Dan Busch Release Of Service Trinity UCC Tiffin 3:00 pm	27	28	29 QUILTING 9:00 AM	30 Bible Study Heritage Hall 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	31 <u>HALLOWEEN</u>	

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 Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music
 Andrea Spencer, Organist
 Ann Vogel, Organist
 Darryl Smith, Organist
 Kathlene Larson, Pianist/Organist
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
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