

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine for All Through Christ"
St. Marys, Ohio

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Order of Service

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE "For The Beauty of The Earth" – Conrad Kocher

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

People: God leads us to green pastures and restores our souls.

Leader: Even when we walk through the darkest valleys, we will not fear.

People: For God is with us, guiding and comforting us.

Leader: God prepares a table before us, even in the presence of our struggles.

People: Our cups overflow with goodness and mercy.

Leader: Surely God's love will follow us all the days of our lives.

People: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Let us worship the One who leads, restores, and remains with us always.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Holy and gracious God, You call us by name and lead us into life. Yet too often we listen to other voices, voices of fear, doubt, and distraction, and we lose our way. Help us to recognize Your voice above all others. Give us hearts that trust where You lead, even when the path is unfamiliar. You came that we may have life and have it abundantly. Open our lives to

receive that gift, not just for ourselves, but to share with others. Guide us, protect us, and restore us, so that we may walk in Your ways with courage, faith, and joy. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father ...

***HYMN #66**

"To God Be the Glory"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

***HYMN #504**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Wayfaring Stranger" – Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC - MADI MAUTER

"Ancient Ayre" – John Barrett

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 6:27-36

SERMON

"KINDNESS MATTERS"

Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN #136**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Jesus Loves Me" arr. Shirley Brendlinger

*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit.

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Organist: Andrea Spencer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Darryl Smith
Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Ruth Knous
Our Giving to God, April 19, 2026
Current - \$ 2,459 / Missions - \$ 295
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 90

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Diane Gayer

PRAYER CANDLES

If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary) and a designated helper will light a candle for you.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
April 26, 2026

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, Linda Hunter, Ann Langenkamp and Jill Lovelace,
- The family of Grace Young, especially Lynda (daughter) & Glenn Hadley, as they mourn her passing, this past Tuesday,
- Lynn Schmidt, who is recovering from his second Cataract surgery,
- Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way throughout the world at this time,
- All those who have health issues, but prefer to remain anonymous at this time; may they find comfort in knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers,
- All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,
- All those illnesses which cannot be seen.

All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: Lschmidt@bright.net, or you can call or text her: 419-305-6164.

If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails / updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: Lschmidt@bright.net or text 419-305-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Great American Beach Race:

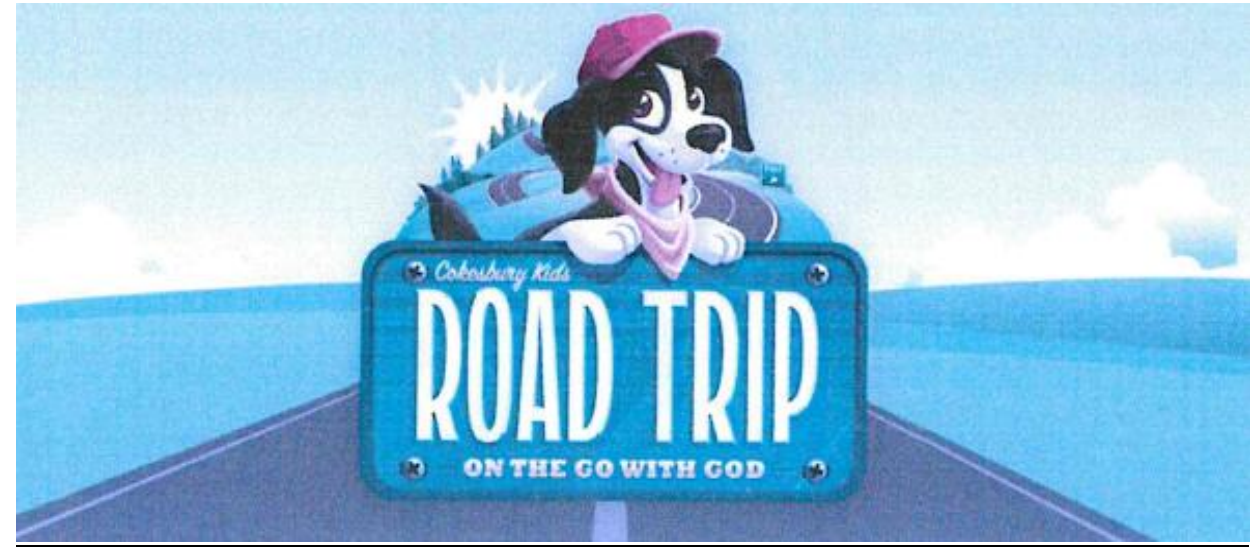
Join the Girl Scouts **today** from 1:30pm – 4:00pm in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of racing and fun! Registration 1:30pm-2:00pm. Racing starts at 2:30pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. Children can attend and race their own car as long as they are accompanied and supervised by an adult. Cost: \$10 per racer.

The Caregiving Support Group meets on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm.

The next BINGO event will be on Tuesday, May 5th at Vancrest at 6:30 pm.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 7th, 11:30am at Do Good Restaurant in Osgood. We will need an accurate headcount ahead of time, so please notify Jane Nuss by May 3rd if you plan to attend.

ST. PAUL'S VBS NEWS !!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROAD TRIP "ON THE GO WITH GOD"
JUNE 1ST-4TH from 9:30am – 12:00 Lunch served each day at 11:30am. We will have 4 fun mornings of interactive activities, crafts, singing, Bible stories, games, and enjoy a tasty lunch together. This is open to the surrounding community. Ages 3yrs old (must be potty trained) through 6th grade. Questions? Please contact: VBS Director Amy Keller (419) 953-6997, Co-Director Jane Nuss (419) 305-9629 or the church office (419) 394-3811. There are extra registration forms in the office.

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device. Go 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 take you to the Vanco site.

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| DOUGHNUT | ORANGE | BAGEL | MELON |
| OATMEAL | MUFFIN | TOAST | JUICE |
| WAFFLES | GRAPES | SYRUP | APPLE |
| SAUSAGE | BANANA | STEAK | ROLL |
| BISCUIT | COFFEE | SCONE | SOUP |
| BURRITO | CHEESE | BREAD | EGGS |

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the Hospitality Room, and it also contains a baby changing table.

ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES - Available if needed (consult an usher).

TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE - Our worship service here at St. Paul’s is shown on **TSC cable Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2**, on Sundays at 10:00am. (1 week delay), and again on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.

EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S
Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Hours Breaking Bread Spiritual Gifts Class
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.

04.26.26 Scripture

LUKE 6:27-36

Love for Enemies

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.