

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**"We Shine for All Through Christ"**

**St. Marys, Ohio**

**Mother's Day**

**May 10 , 2026**

**Sixth 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** "Sanctuary" arr. Carol Tornquist

**VIDEO** **MOTHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN - "MORE THAN ENOUGH" – SHAWNA EDWARDS**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**PASSING OUT OF FLOWERS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

**People: God's deeds among mortals are awesome and full of power.**

Leader: God rules by might forever;

**People: God's eyes keep watch over the nations.**

Leader: For God has kept us among the living,

**People: And has not let our feet slip.**

Leader: Though we are tested and refined,

**People: We trust the One who brings us through.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, You are the source of eternal life, the One who knows us fully and loves us completely. You have called us to belong to You, to live in Your truth, and to reflect Your glory in the world. Yet we confess that we are often divided in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. We lose sight of Your unity and cling instead to our own ways.

Draw us back to You, O God. Make us one, as You and Christ are one.

Hold us in Your name, and shape us into a people who live with love, grace, and truth. Send us into the world with courage and purpose, that we may reveal Your presence through the way we love one another.

It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

**\*HYMN #35** "Morning Is Broken"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversaries

**\*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 #408** "I Am Thine, O Lord"

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" - LLOYD LARSON

**\*DOXOLOGY** **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** **MATTHEW 18:21-35**

**SERMON** "FORGIVENESS SETS US FREE" Pastor Ed Karges

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Faith of our Mothers" (Tune of "Faith of our Fathers")

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Amazing Grace(My Chains Are Gone)" arr. Mark Hayes

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

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**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:** Marsha Landers  
**Our Giving to God, May 3, 2026**  
**Current - \$ 5,157 / Missions - \$ 431**  
**(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)**  
**Attendance – 97**

**Loose offering today will go to the Hirschfeld Scholarship Fund**

Altar Flowers are given today by Jeanette Tangeman

#### **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  
May 10, 2026  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

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



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## 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 then 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](http://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.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, Carol Waesch, Becky Anderson, and Ann Langenkamp,*
- *Brian Kantner & family; Brian has been struggling with cancer & is now on Hospice Care,*
- *Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way all around 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](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net), or you can call or text her: 419-305-6164.

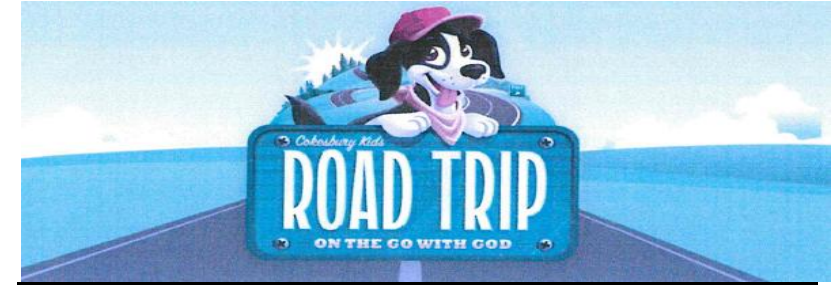
If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails / updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-305-6164.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Consistory meets this Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. There will be Bell Choir Practice on Wednesdays, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** will be the last day for Sunday School. This is also **Graduation Sunday**. There is NO graduation breakfast this year.

### ST. PAUL'S VBS NEWS !!



### PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROAD TRIP "ON THE GO WITH GOD"

JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**There will be a VBS meeting after the worship service today in the Chapel. All adults and teens that are leading or helping please plan to attend. This will be an informative meeting to discuss the VBS schedule and to collect emails for background check on all adults.**

The 'Strengthen the Church' Offering will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

**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 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Hours Quilting Consistory Bell Choir Practice
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.**



**Faith of Our Mothers (to the tune of "Faith of Our Fathers")**

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air:  
Faith of our mothers, living faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race:  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
Thy providential care without:  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian Faith,  
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the church,  
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:  
Faith of our mothers, Christian Faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

## 05.10.26 (Mother's Day) Scripture

### **MATTHEW 18:21-35**

#### **Forgiveness**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

#### **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

<sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and

threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."