

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"We Shine for All Through Christ"

St. Marys, Ohio

May 17 , 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00am

GRADUATION SUNDAY

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 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" arr. L. Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let God arise! Let God's enemies be scattered! Let all that opposes love, mercy, and justice flee before the Lord.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us through the wilderness and into hope.

Leader: Sing to God! Lift up songs of praise to the One who rides upon the clouds.

People: We rejoice in the presence of God, who welcomes the lonely and strengthens the weak.

Leader: God is a father to the orphan, a defender of the vulnerable, and a shelter for those in need.

People: When we are weary, God refreshes us. When we are burdened, God carries us.

Leader: The Lord gives life-giving rain to the weary land and restores what has been worn down.

People: God provides for the poor, walks with the forgotten, and blesses the people with goodness.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who goes before us.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in praise to God!

***MORNING PRAYER** Gracious and loving God, sometimes life feels heavy, uncertain, and difficult. We confess that we often pray for comfort more than courage, and for escape more than faithfulness. Yet You remind us that we are

never alone in our struggles. In times of trial, strengthen our hearts. When we are anxious, humble us beneath Your mighty hand. When we are weary, remind us that You care for us. Help us place our worries, fears, and burdens into Your loving hands. Give us courage to stand firm in faith, hope to endure difficult days, and grace to encourage one another along the journey. Restore us, support us, strengthen us, and fill us with Your peace. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #560**

"I Love To Tell the Story"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

VIDEO – "Leading You Forward"

SENIOR RECOGNITION

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

GRADUATE-SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION - Becky Anderson, Chairperson

***HYMN #87**

"Come Christian Join to Sing"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" arr. K. Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 25:35-40

SERMON

"Small Acts Matter"

Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 680**

"Borning Cry"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Down By the Riverside" arr. M. Kim

*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: Dane Marsee
Our Giving to God, May 10, 2026
Current - \$ 2,963 / Missions - \$ 101
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 97

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

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.



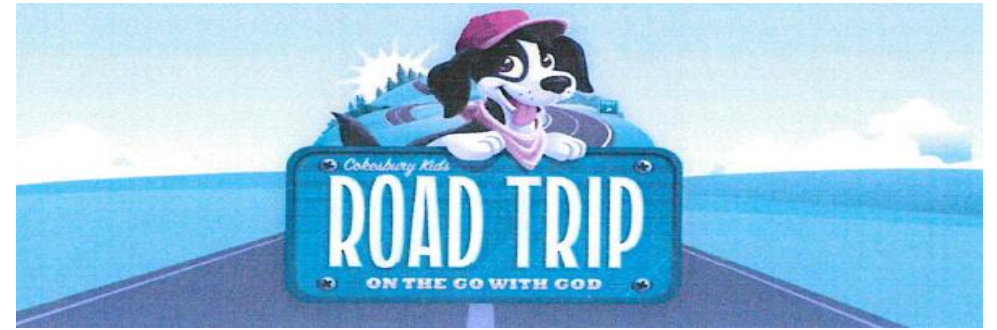
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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
May 17, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

ST. PAUL'S VBS NEWS !!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, and Ann Langenkamp,*
- *The family of Donald Kuhlhorst, who passed away on May 7th,*
- *The family of Brian Kantner, who passed away on Tuesday,*
- *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, 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The H.E.A.L. group will meet this Thursday, May 21st at 1:30 pm in the Chapel.

The 'Strengthen the Church' Offering will be next 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.

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.

At this time we have NO Liturgists scheduled after next Sunday.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Giving is easy and convenient with our online options! Just download the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app from the App Store or Google Play to get started. You can also give anytime by using the link on our website. **Want to support the Educational Scholarship Fund? Simply scan the QR code with your phone and it will take you right there.**





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| BLACKCURRANT | BLUEBERRY | BRAMBLE | GOOSEBERRY | MELON |
| CHERRY | CITRON | CLEMENTINE | CUMQUAT | CURRANT |
| DAMSON | DATE | ELDERBERRY | FIG | GRAPE |
| GRAPEFRUIT | GREENGAGE | KIWIFRUIT | LEMON | LIME |
| LOGANBERRY | ORANGE | MANGO | NECTARINE | PASSIONFRUIT |
| PEACH | PEAR | PINEAPPLE | PLUM | POMEGRANATE |
| QUINCE | RASPBERRY | REDCURRANT | STRAWBERRY | TANGERINE |
| TAYBERRY | | | | |

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 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 1:00 PM	Church Office Hours Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Thursday	9:00 am 9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Quilting Church Office Hours H.E.A.L. Breaking Bread Spiritual Gifts Class
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

05.17.26 Scripture

MATTHEW 25:35-40

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'