

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

May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday 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 "Spirit of the Living God" – John Carter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

People: We gather in wonder before the Creator of heaven and earth. We come to worship the One who gives life to all creation.

Leader: When You send forth Your Spirit, life is renewed. When You breathe upon the world, hope rises again.

People: Renew our hearts this day, O God. Fill us with Your Spirit and awaken us to Your presence.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all His works.

People: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will praise our God while we have being.

Leader: Let our worship rise like a song of joy. Let our hearts be glad in the Lord.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving, praise, and wonder!

***MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, You have called us together as one body in Christ, though we are many and different. Through Your Holy Spirit, You give each of us gifts to serve, encourage, teach, heal, and love. Forgive us for the times we

compare ourselves to others, or fail to see the value in the gifts You have placed within us and within one another. Unite us in Your Spirit so that we may work together with humility, compassion, and joy. Help us remember that no one stands alone, and no gift is too small in Your kingdom. Fill this place with Your presence today, and open our hearts to hear Your truth and follow where You lead. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #84** "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

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 #143** "Father I Adore You"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart" – John Carter

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **ACTS 2:1-4, 42-47**

SERMON "LOVE IS THE WAY" Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN #730** "Mine Eyes Have Seen"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on 'St. Anne'" - Stanley Vann

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman	Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer	Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson	Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Andrea Spencer	Organist: Darryl Smith
Confirmation: Amy Keller	Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser	Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser	Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson	Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation	

Liturgist: Diane Gayer
Our Giving to God, May 17, 2026
Current - \$ 2,315 / Missions - \$ 115
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 109

Loose offering today will go to the 'Strengthen the Church' Offering

Altar Flowers are given today by Tom & Ruth Knous in honor of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary

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 24, 2026

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, and Lucas Knatz,*
- *Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way all around the world at this time,*
- *All High School Graduates & Scholarship Recipients as they move forward in their collegiate and/or work adventures,*
- *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

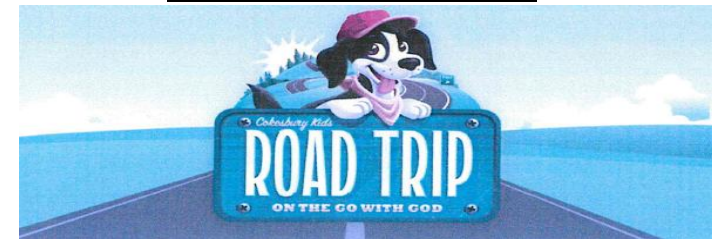
The 'Strengthen the Church' Offering is today. This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging 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.

There will be a V.B.S. Meeting today following the worship service in the Chapel.

Pastor Ed will be on Vacation from June 7th – 20th. In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Rev. David Hainer at (616) 706-4496.

This Tuesday, May 26th, a new security system control panel will be installed in the church building. It will be an electronic keypad inside the door from the parking lot into the education building. The old key-operated switch on the outside of the building will no longer be functional. Access to the building during times outside of normal schedules will require that the security system be disarmed by entering a code into the new keypad. **Anyone requiring access to the building outside of normal operating hours should contact the office or one of the Trustees and request a code to enter into the keypad to prevent the alarm system from being triggered.** The alarm would then need to be reset when exiting after ensuring that no one else is in the building.

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 registration forms in the church office.

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.

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 week.

MEMORIAL DAY WORD SEARCH

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CELEBRATION	COAST GUARD	DECORATION	PATRIOTIC
AIR FORCE	MEMORIAL	COOK OUT	HOLIDAY
FREEDOM	VETERAN	MARINES	MONDAY
FAMILY	PARADE	FLAGS	HONOR
HERO	NAVY	ARMY	MAY

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

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

05.24.26 Scripture

ACTS 2:1-4, 42-47

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had

need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.