

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"We Shine for All Through Christ"

St. Marys, Ohio

May 3, 2026

Fifth 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In you, O Lord, we take refuge, let us never be put to shame.

People: Be our rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save us.

Leader: For you are our rock and our fortress; for your name's sake, lead us
and guide us.

**People: Into your hands we commit our spirits; you have redeemed us,
O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: Our times are in your hands, not in the hands of fear, not in the grip
of worry.

People: Deliver us from all that threatens to overwhelm us.

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servants, O God.

**People: We come to worship the One who holds our lives, the One who
redeems, restores, and leads us home.**

***MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and patient God, you call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak,
and slow to anger, yet we confess how often we rush to respond instead of
listening, how quickly our words come, and how easily our tempers rise.

Teach us to pause and quiet the noise within us so we may truly hear,
hear your voice, and hear one another with compassion and care.

Shape our hearts to reflect your grace, that our words may bring life instead
of harm, and our actions may reflect your love. Hold our lives in your steady
hands, and guide us in your wisdom, so that in all we say and do, we may
honor you and serve one another. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN #113**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Birthdays

***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 #451**

"Be Still My Soul"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 10:38-42

SERMON

"Listening Changes Everything"

Pastor Ed Karges

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN #447**

"Because He Lives"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

*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: Amy Keller
Our Giving to God, April 26, 2026
Current - \$ 2,030 / Missions - \$ 85
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 100
Loose offering today will go to the Organ Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Jim & Neva Rowen

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 3, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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 7:00 pm	Church Office Hours Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Hours BINGO at Vancrest
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Hours Ladies Luncheon, 'Do Good' Restaurant Personnel Committee 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

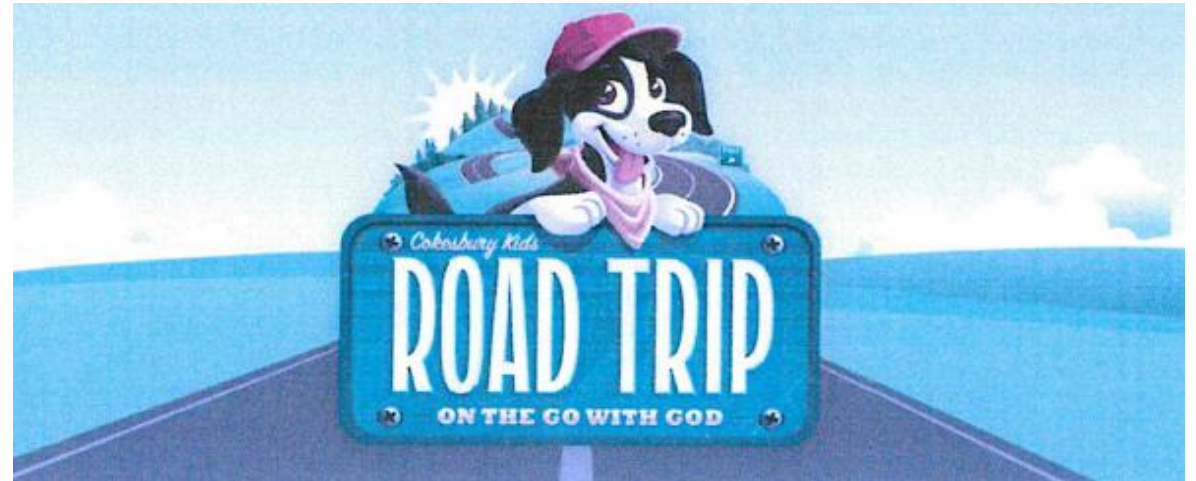
The Caregiving Support Group meets tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

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

The Ladies Luncheon will be this 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 today if you plan to attend.

The Sunday School children will be singing in the service on Mother's Day, next **Sunday, May 10th**.

The following **Sunday, May 17th** will be the last day for Sunday School. This is also **Graduation Sunday**. There is NO graduation breakfast this year.



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.

There will be a VBS meeting next Sunday, May 10th after the worship service 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. Please contact Amy Keller if you have any questions.

May Flowers

Y O F V E G R H B D A Y D Y A M N N A C H H R D
 N O Z S F Z V S H V G O S X I V L E V H J D Q F
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CHERRY BLOSSOM
 BUTTERCUP
 MARIGOLD
 TULIP
 LILY

BOUGAINVILLEA
 CARNATION
 FLOWERS
 OCHID
 ROSE

RED HATTRS
 SWEET PEA
 VIOLET
 DAISY
 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 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Lucas Knatz, and Ann Langenkamp,*
- *the family of Margaret & Ron Hunter as they mourn the loss of their daughter, Melinda,*
- *Carol Waesch, who is home recuperating from knee surgery,*
- *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.

05.03.26 Scripture

LUKE 10:38-42

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.

³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."