

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

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Glorified, Blessed, and Worthy" - Lyndell Leatherman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: God has listened to our cries and has drawn near to us in love and mercy.

Leader: Because God inclines His ear to us, we will call upon the Lord as long as we live.

People: We come with grateful hearts to worship the One who hears and saves.

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all His goodness to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: In the presence of God's people, we will offer our thanksgiving and praise.

People: Our hearts rejoice in the steadfast love of the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God with gratitude, hope, and joy.

People: Praise the Lord!

***MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and joyful God, We come before You today with thankful hearts, grateful for Your steadfast love and faithfulness that never end. You created us, called us by name, and welcomed us as Your people. Too often we rush through life forgetting to pause and give thanks for the many blessings You

pour into our lives each day. Forgive us when worry becomes louder than gratitude, or when we take Your goodness for granted. Fill this place with joy as we worship You together. Teach us to serve You with gladness, to encourage one another with kindness, and to carry Your love into the world beyond these walls. May our songs, prayers, and lives become acts of thanksgiving to You. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #342** "Rejoice, The Lord is King"

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 #72** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "How Great Thou Art/How Great Is Our God" – Anna Laura Page

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON GENESIS 18:1-15, 21:1-7

PSALMS 100:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON MATTHEW 9:35 - 10:8

SERMON "WHEN CALLED, HOW WILL WE ANSWER?" - KEVIN GEHRES

***HYMN #559** "Here I am, Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "The Family of God" - William Gaither

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

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Pianist: Kathlene Larson
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Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

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Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Ray Walter

Our Giving to God, June 7, 2026

Current - \$ 11,155 / Missions - \$ 1,435
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 105

Loose offering today will go to Disaster Kits

Altar Flowers today are given by Richard & Kathlene Larson
in celebration of 45 years of marriage

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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"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, and Lucas Knatz,
- Kris Vanderhorst, who is recovering from neck surgery,
- Sharon Gottschalk, who is recovering from a fall,
- Carol Schmidt, who will be having more GI testing this week,
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The H.E.A.L. Group meets this Thursday, June 18th at 1:30 pm in the Chapel.

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

Golden Sunday is Sunday, June 28th. We will recognize those that have been a member of St. Paul's for 50 years or more, those that have been married for 50 years or more, and those that are 80 years of age or older. There will also be a meal after the service. Please R.S.V.P. using the insert in the Bulletin and let us know by Noon on Monday, June 22nd if you plan to attend. Also, if this is the first year that you would fall into one of these

categories, please notify the church office so we can make sure you are added to the list.

"Ignite St. Marys" will be this week, June 18th – 20th. This is an exciting community project with volunteers participating in various projects to make improvements throughout our community. The Women's Guild will be providing breakfast for all volunteers on Friday, June 19th. Further information can be found on their website: CommunityRelief.net or by emailing SMstewardship.com. There is a brochure and a sign-up sheet available in the church office. Monetary contributions may also be made through the church office, Vanco site, or pew envelopes. This is an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people in our community! We hope you can participate.

FREE HOT DOG & POPCORN NIGHTS! - EVERYBODY WELCOME!

This Summer, St. Paul's United Church of Christ is trying something new! On the **First Thursday of July, August, and September**, we will be offering: Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Bottled Water, maybe some Homemade Cookies, and lots of Friendly Conversation, all **FREE TO THE COMMUNITY!**

Dates: Thursdays, July 2, August 6, and September 3

Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: St. Paul's UCC Parking Lot

At St. Paul's UCC, we believe that communities grow stronger when people take time to know one another. We hope these evenings will be a chance to make new friends, share some smiles, and enjoy a summer evening together.

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.

BELAIR	FAIRLANE	OLDSMOBILE
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HARDTOP	THUNDERBIRD	DELOREAN
STUDEBAKER	CORVETTE	FLEETWOOD
CADILLAC	FINS	ROADMASTER



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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 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 Kevin Gehres
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:30 pm	H.E.A.L.
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
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.

06.14.26 Scripture

GENESIS 18:1-15

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is

anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

GENESIS 21:1-7

The Birth of Isaac

21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

PSALMS 100:1-5

A Psalm of thanksgiving

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;^[b] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come

near.’^[c] ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.