

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

July 12, 2026 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am

Installation Service

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES
WELCOME
PRELUDE

“Carillon” - Massenet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
People: We gather today to walk together in the light of Christ.
Leader: Today we celebrate God's faithfulness in calling servants for ministry
and God's faithfulness in leading this congregation.
People: We give thanks for the journey that has brought us here and for the
road that lies ahead.
Leader: Though we do not know every turn the future will bring, we know the
One who walks before us.
People: God's promises are our hope, God's presence is our strength, and God's
Word is our guide.
Leader: Let us set our hearts on following God's ways with joy and faithfulness
all our days.
People: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the One who calls us, leads
us, and never leaves us. Let us worship God!

*MORNING PRAYER

Loving God, we thank You for Your faithful love and abundant blessings.
You provide for the earth, renew our strength, and fill our lives with reasons to
rejoice. Every good gift comes from Your gracious hand. On this day of
celebration, we thank You for leading this congregation through every season

and for calling us to continue Your work together. Fill us with grateful hearts,
faithful spirits, and willing hands. Help us to trust Your leading, serve one
another with joy, and share Your love with our community. May our lives bear
fruit that honors You, and may all we do bring glory to Your name. It is in this
spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

*HYMN # 544 “The Church’s One Foundation”

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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Here I Am, Lord” – Raney Jean Smith, Flute
*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Howie Spencer “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Chad Floyd

THE GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 10:34-38

SERMON “WHO COMES FIRST?” Pastor Ed Karges

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*CLOSING HYMN # 68 “Come thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Majesty” - Hayford

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

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Organist: Andrea Spencer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
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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
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Dane Marsee
Our Giving to God, July 5, 2026
Current - \$ 9,350 / Missions - \$ 526
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 66

Loose offering today will go to Rally Day
Altar Flowers are given today by Jim & Neva Rowen

Additional flowers on the altar are in celebration of Pastor Ed Karges' installation.
Our church family welcomes Pastor Ed and Claudia at this exciting time for St. Paul's.
May your ministry with us be filled with joy and shared blessings.

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



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Video From Conference Minister, Rev. David Long-Higgins

Assn. Minister: The Northwest Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Local Church Members: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Local Church Rep: Saint Paul's United Church of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Edward Karges as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Northwest Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Assn. Minister: The Northwest Association has reviewed the request of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Edward Karges and we are pleased to install him as your pastor and teacher. Edward Karges, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office. Installation is the action of the association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with the local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

Hear these words from the apostle Paul; we beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

Dear friends, Saint Paul's United Church of Christ has declared that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Edward Karges to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Northwest Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all necessary conditions for the installation to this office. Edward Karges, seeing that you are called to licensed ministry by the grace of God and that Saint Paul's United Church of Christ has been led to call you as pastor and

teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Northwest Association?

Pastor: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, and administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Assn. Minister: Members of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teachers?

Local Church Members: We, the members of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, receive Edward Karges as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Assn. Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Edward Karges to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, and the people of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, and all the churches of the Northwest Association that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and converting sinners to you. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Assn. Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Northwest Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Kris Vanderhorst, Leroy Kogge, and Carol Schmidt,*
- *Leslie Hullinger, who is being treated at The James in Columbus,*
- *Prayers for all the Military Personnel 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

In recognition of Pastor Ed’s installation this morning, stick around for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall after the service. Let’s gather together, enjoy some good food, and celebrate our new pastor, Rev. Ed Karges, as we start this exciting new chapter.

Pastor Ed will be on a Mission Trip from July 15th – 18th (this week). In the event of a Pastoral Emergency during this time, please reach out to Jeanette Tangeman at (419) 234-7935.

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.

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	Pastor Ed Karges Installation Service
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:30 am	Guild Cabinet Meeting
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.

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07.12.26 SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 10:34-38

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.