

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

July 19, 2026 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am

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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE "I Surrender All" arr. Greg Howlett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, wherever we have come from this morning, God has already been there before us.

People: **The One who created us knows us completely and loves us deeply.**

Leader: There is nowhere we can go where God's presence cannot find us.

People: **Whether in joy or sorrow, confidence or uncertainty, God is with us.**

Leader: God knows our thoughts, our hopes, our fears, and even the words we have not yet spoken.

People: **Yet we are welcomed with grace, mercy, and steadfast love.**

Leader: Let us come before God with open hearts, asking the Holy Spirit to search us, shape us, and lead us.

People: **Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Lead us in your everlasting way.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who knows us completely, loves us unconditionally, and leads us faithfully.

People: **Let us worship God!**

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and righteous God, we come before You with grateful hearts, remembering that there is no God besides You who cares for all creation with justice and love. Your strength is never used to dominate but to show mercy, and Your power is revealed through compassion. Teach us to live as Your

children. When we have the opportunity to be harsh, make us kind. When we are tempted to judge, help us to be patient. When we hold power or influence, remind us to use it with humility and grace, just as You have dealt with us. Shape our hearts to reflect Your goodness, so that our words and actions bring hope, healing, and peace to those around us. Lead us in the way of Christ, whose mercy has given us new life and whose love calls us to love others. Receive our worship, strengthen our faith, and send us into this new week as faithful witnesses of Your grace. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

*HYMN # 96 "O for a Thousand Tongues"

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 # 447 "Because He Lives"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Be Still My Soul" arr. Greg Howlett

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 10:39

SERMON "THE LIFE YOU WERE MEANT TO LIVE" Pastor Ed Karges

*CLOSING HYMN # 419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "They'll Know we Are Christians" arr. Mark Hayes

*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
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
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: Ruth Knous
Our Giving to God, July 12, 2026
Current - \$ 3,186 / Missions - \$ 236
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 104
Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Brynn Clark

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
July 19, 2026

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



DISASTER RELIEF

Two devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela in late June 2026, triggering a rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis. Aftershocks continue to shake the region, including a magnitude 4.6 tremor recorded as recently as Monday morning.

THE IMPACT IS STAGGERING:

- **More than 1,940 lives lost**
- **More than 5,000 people injured**
- **Nearly 16,000 people displaced from their homes**
- **An estimated 46,000 people are still missing**
- **UNICEF estimates that 1.8 million people, including 680,000 children, need humanitarian assistance**

THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS CONTINUES.

In response, the United Church of Christ is launching an [urgent appeal](#) to support both immediate life-saving aid and long-term recovery. Working through our trusted partners on the ground like Global Ministries and ACT Alliance, we are delivering emergency relief to displaced families, distributing food and water, and offering pastoral care to those facing profound loss and trauma.

Please consider making a [gift](#) today. Be a source of hope in the midst of crisis and help rebuild communities for the long term. Your support is essential. Together, we can provide hope, healing and love to our neighbors in Venezuela.

We also ask you and your families to pray for everyone affected. Your generosity is a witness of compassion in action. We deeply appreciate your consideration. [Give Now](#)

With gratitude, Michelle A. Carver, MBA Director of Philanthropy



**UPDATED NEEDS FROM YOUR
DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK!**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ASSEMBLE BUCKETS AND KITS, AS THEY PROVIDE THAT "CRITICAL GLIMMER OF HOPE" TO THOSE EXPERIENCING DISASTERS. BE "SERVANTS, IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS"!

CAMP CHRISTIAN RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
10299 MAPLE DELL RD. MARYSVILLE, OH 43040

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)




Who? Heartland Conference Disaster Response Team

What? Reporting that we are at 1,477 buckets & kits

When? As of June 26, 2026

Where? Located in our CWS Depot @ Camp Christian

Why? 49% of our goal of 3,000 units for 2026 !?!

How? How do we reach 3,000? Keep assembling!!! (cwskits.org)

Because? Because disasters continue every day, and our "Neighbors" need our help.

Please continue to assemble buckets and kits, as they provide that "critical glimmer of hope" to those experiencing disasters. Be "Servants, in the service of others"!

[Alert...Alert...Alert: As you work on these buckets & kits, don't forget to apply for the \\$250 grant from our UCC Global H.O.P.E. Matching kit Grant Application. If you type that in, it will take you to the info and grant application. It's a simple application, and allows you to match an additional 4-5 buckets, or 20-25 Period Packs or Personal Hygiene Kits!](#)

[For more information or questions, reach out to Kevin Gehres, Heartland Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. \[gehreskb@gmail.com\]\(mailto:gehreskb@gmail.com\)](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS

➤ *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Rom Ketchum, Kris Vanderhorst, Leslie Hullinger, and Carol Schmidt*

*Prayers for all the Soldiers who find themselves in harm's way all around the world at this time, **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	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 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Church Office Hours 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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- *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

We are in need of a volunteer or two that would be willing to visit some of our Legacy members on a rotating basis. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office and we can get you on the schedule.

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. We have a shortage of Liturgists signed up in the coming weeks.

07.19.26 SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 10:39

³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.