

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

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

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 "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Lloyd Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Some people trust in power and pride, but we choose a different way.

People: We put our hope in God's never-ending love.

Leader: We come together not to boast in ourselves, but to celebrate God's goodness.

People: God's love is steady, stronger than anything that comes against us.

Leader: Like an olive tree rooted and growing, let our faith take root in God's grace.

People: With grateful hearts, we worship and praise God's holy name!

***Morning Prayer**

Almighty and Merciful God, this morning, we come seeking to dwell in Your holy presence. Teach us to walk with integrity, to speak truth from our hearts, and to do what is right even when no one is watching. Help us to be people who keep our word, who speak no harm, and who honor one another. Give us courage to stand firm in what is good, and to show kindness and justice in all we do. May our lives reflect Your holiness, and may we never be shaken from Your love. Thank you for being the One who is our guide and our strength. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #96**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Marianne Kim

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 20:1-16

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

"The Scandal of Grace"

Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #419**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

***Benediction**

POSTLUDE

"Only Trust Him" arr. Marianne Kim

*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
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover	Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser	Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser	Confirmation: Amy Keller
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson	Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Church Historian: Fred Scheer	Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Liturgist: Amy Keller
Our Giving to God, July 13, 2025
Current - \$ 3,939 / Mission - \$ 96
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 105

Loose offering today will go to the Current 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
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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

super summer word search

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 flipflops popsicles fireworks sunscreen tornados postcard tropical
 swimsuit lemonade heatwave swimming paradise wildfire bonfires
 icecream vacation frisbee bahamas outside insects surfing
 boating walking camping rainbow sunburn friends smores
 picnic island partys towels relax hotel smile
 waves beach grill bugs rose fish sand
 fans june july park fair home heat
 pool sky air sun

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**, each Sunday at 10:00 am, and again Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.

EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard 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	Church Office Hours
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
	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
	12:30 pm	Stewardship Committee

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jim Hunter, Nancy Stabelli,*
- *All families & loved ones as they deal with personal losses due to flooding,*

- All farmers who are dealing with the lack of adequate rain for their crops,
- 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: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, or you can call or text her at 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 419-394-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Stewardship Committee will meet next Sunday, July 27th at 12:30 pm.

We need volunteers to help with Breaking Bread. We need just a few extra hands to help package desserts on Thursday mornings, starting at 10:00am and lasting about an hour. We also need volunteers to help package dinners on Thursdays from 4:30pm for about an hour. No need to commit to every week or to both times. Calls will be made to schedule folks. We need 2 people in the mornings and 4 in the afternoons each Thursday except the first week of the month. We have several wonderful, faithful volunteers who would really appreciate some extra help. Interested? Please see Jeanette Tangeman or call her at (419) 234-7935.

The Red Cross has expressed an interest in hosting a Blood Drive at our church on a future date. In order to judge the level of interest, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Hospitality Room. No date has been set at this time, just measuring the level of interest among the Congregation.

We are **always** in **need of Liturgists** and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2025 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment in the Sanctuary.

Funds for the Kitchen Remodel continue to roll in!
So far, we are over \$7,000.00! Let's keep it comin'.

WHAT'S COOKING ?!?

LET'S HEAT THINGS UP
 WITH A SMOKING HOT KITCHEN
 RENOVATION



OUR LAST UPDATE WAS IN 1996, CHANGING CABINETS AND COUNTER TOPS

THAT SCARY STOVE HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE 70's



THE FLOORING AND CABINETS HAVE BEEN UNDER WATER MORE THAN ONCE, AND THE DOOR HINGES ARE WORN AND LOOSE. ONE SINK IS HELD UP BY A STICK OF WOOD.

SEND YOUR DONATION TO THE OFFICE OR ONLINE OR OFFERING PLATE



BREAKING BREAD DEPENDS ON A GOOD WORKING KITCHEN FOR MEALS WEEKLY

RENOVATION COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$48,000.00. THE TRUSTEES HAVE EARMARKED \$25,000.00 FROM THE BUILDING, AND THE WOMEN'S GUILD HAS ALREADY PURCHASED THE NEW FOOD WARMER.

SURELY TOGETHER WE CAN RAISE
\$23,000.00

07.20.25 Scripture

MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to

this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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