

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

July 26, 2026 Ninth 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are all who stand in awe of the Lord, who seek to walk in God's ways.
People: We come with grateful hearts, desiring to follow God's path with faith and joy.
Leader: God blesses the work of faithful hands and fills ordinary lives with extraordinary grace.
People: We give thanks for the gifts of family, friendship, community, and daily bread.
Leader: From generation to generation, God calls us to build lives rooted in Love, Justice, and Hope.
People: May our homes, our church, and our community reflect God's peace and compassion.
Leader: The Lord blesses God's people from Zion, surrounding us with steadfast Love.
People: Let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts, trusting in God's faithfulness today and always.

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, When we do not know how to pray, Your Spirit prays for us. When our words fail, Your love never does. Thank You for meeting us in our weakness, carrying our burdens, and reminding us that we are never alone. Strengthen our faith when life feels uncertain. Give us courage when we

are afraid, hope when we are discouraged, and peace when our hearts are troubled. Help us to trust that You are at work in every season of our lives, even when we cannot yet see the path ahead. Teach us to live as people who are more than conquerors through the love of Christ, not by our own strength, but by Your grace. Fill us with compassion for one another, confidence in Your promises, and a willingness to share Your love with those around us. Above all, remind us that nothing in all creation can separate us from Your love revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. May that assurance shape our worship, our service, and our lives each day. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN # 405 “My Hope is Built”**

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER

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 # 479 “Near the Cross”**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ROMANS 8:1-11

SERMON “YOU ARE NOT DOING THIS ALONE” Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 589 “O Master Let Me Walk”**

***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
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Stephanie Marsee
Our Giving to God, July 19, 2026
Current - \$ 2,617 / Missions - \$ 225
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 97
Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Miriam Lynch

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 26, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

The roses are given in loving memory of:

Reverend Kenneth Kuenning July 28, 1930 - April 5, 2018, and
Delores (Wilson) Kuenning April 6, 1935 - July 18, 2025.

The Kuenning children (Laurie, Annette, Mary & Paul) and their families offer our heartfelt thanks to this Congregation. St. Paul's was our parents' church home as they were growing up. It is where they met as young adults in Sunday School class, married in 1954, and Kenneth was ordained into Christian ministry. Delores found expression of her faith through writing published devotionals, articles and authoring two books. Our lives, and many others, have been blessed in countless ways by the faith you nurtured in them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Rom Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, and Carol Schmidt,
 - Leslie Hullinger is currently at Otterbein Rehab Unit at this time in Room 522 to improve her strength; she will be returning to OSU in a few weeks to continue with chemotherapy,
 - Ron Ketchum is currently at Van Crest in St. Marys, room # 209,
- Darryl Smith, who is recovering from back 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

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!**

Upcoming Dates: Thursdays, 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.

COME, JOIN US FOR AN ALL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD.

The picnic will be at 12:00pm at Mills Park under the Pavillion next to the Splash Pad. Drinks, Plates, Silverware and Meat will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, maybe a lawn chair. Join us for a wonderful time of Food, Fun and Fellowship!

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 ARE IN NEED OF LITURGISTS FOR THE COMING WEEKS.

Membership into local church

Local Church Leadership: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in the pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

Local Church Leadership: Let us, the members of St Paul's United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People of the Church: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen savior.

Local Church Leadership: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Let us pray: O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome to our church!

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	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

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

07.26.26 SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 8:1-11

Life in the Spirit

8 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead

because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 12:00 pm

Church Picnic



MILL STREET PARK
100 W. HIGH ST.
ST. MARYS

BRING A COVERED DISH



Church Picnic

DRINKS
PAPER PLATES
PLASTICWARE
WILL BE
PROVIDED

