

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

August 16, 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am

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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES
WELCOME
PRELUDE “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” arr. Carol Tornquist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!
People: We come from different places and different experiences, yet God gathers us as one.
Leader: Like precious oil poured out in abundance, God’s grace flows among us.
People: Like the dew that refreshes the earth, God renews and restores us.
Leader: Here, among God’s people, we discover the blessing of belonging.
People: Here we are reminded that we do not walk the journey of faith alone.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who draws us together in love.
People: Let us worship God with grateful and joyful hearts!

***MORNING PRAYER**
Gracious God, be merciful to us and bless us; let the light of your presence shine upon us. Make your ways known through the way we live, so that others may see your love and grace at work in the world. Teach us to praise you not only with our words, but through lives of kindness, justice, compassion, and service. Guide the nations in your ways of peace, and remind us that your love reaches far beyond the walls of this church. Bless us, O God, so that we may become a blessing to others, and may all the ends of the earth know your goodness. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN # 560 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

BAPTISM OF HAIZEL RUTH SCHLATER

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 # 492 “Spirit of the Living God”**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERTORY “Open The Eyes Of My Heart” arr. Mark Hayes
***DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ACTS 8:26-40

SERMON “WHEN THE SPIRIT NUDGES” Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 408 “I Am Thine, O Lord”**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “Shine, Jesus Shine” arr. Jerry Ray

***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: Diane Gayer
Our Giving to God, August 9, 2026
Current - \$ 3,811 / Missions - \$ 133
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 89

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Joyce Roth, in honor of
Bernard & Marilyn Schroer's 70th Wedding Anniversary

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
August 16, 2026

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Darryl Smith, and Carol Schmidt,
- Louis & Vickie Dietz, as they deal with Louis's health issues,
- The family of Kelly & Larry Kill, as they mourn the loss of Kelly's brother, Jeff Lemming, who passed away last week from cancer,
- The Congregational United Church of Christ in Neenah, WI, and surrounding community that sustained significant damage from a recent Tornado,
- All of 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

The H.E.A.L. Group Will Meet This Thursday, August 20TH at 6:00 pm.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be Thursday, September 3rd at 11:30 am at the Mason Jar.

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 13th !!

Watch the upcoming Bulletins and the Newsletter for more details.

Come, join us for an All Church Family Picnic next Sunday, August 23rd.

The picnic will be at 12:00 pm 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 and Fellowship!



We are ALL invited to bring flowers for the altar. The Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board behind the media table in the Sanctuary.

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.

BADMINTON
FIREFLIES
LAWN CHAIR
SAND BOX
BIRD BATH

FLASHLIGHT
PATIO
SMORES
BUG SPRAY
GARDEN

POPSICLE
TENT
CATCH
HOSE
RADIO

I K S B A D H R A D I O E L H
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H M C H T A B D R I B F T I Q
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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 Pastor Ed Karges
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.

08.16.26 SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.” ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he

proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.