

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

August 17, 2025      Tenth 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**      **BELL CHOIR**      "Oh, How Jesus Loves Me" arr. Linda Lamb

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Shepherd of Israel, hear us; You who lead Your people like a flock,

**People: Come and shine forth among us.**

Leader: You planted us like a vine in fertile ground, and we grew under Your care.

**People: But now we feel the brokenness of the world and cry out for Your help.**

Leader: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine upon us,

**People: That we may be saved.**

Leader: Revive us, and we will call on Your name.

**People: We will worship You, our Shepherd and our Redeemer, with all our hearts.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

Almighty and Gracious God, You stand in the midst of Your people and judge with truth. You see the needs of the weak, the poor, and the oppressed and You call us to defend and rescue them. Forgive us when we turn away from those in need or close our eyes to injustice. Open our hearts to Your compassion and open our hands to serve in Your name. Give wisdom to leaders, integrity to those in power, and courage to Your Church, that we may

reflect Your justice and mercy in all we do. Rise up, O God, and reign over the nations; let Your light shine in every place where darkness still holds sway. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

**\*HYMN #560**      "I Love to Tell the Story"

**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**      "Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. Larry Shackley  
**\*DOXOLOGY**      **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      **BELL CHOIR**      "Amazing Grace" - Sandra Eithun

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**      **LUKE 13:6-9**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERMON**      "FRUITLESS OR FAITHFUL"      Pastor Ed Karges

**\*HYMN #408**      "I Am Thine, O Lord"

**\*Benediction**

**POSTLUDE**      "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. John Carter

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

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<b>Back Bay Missionary:</b> Rev. Jeanette Tangeman	<b>Multi-Media:</b> Jim Huckemeyer
<b>Audio and Video:</b> Rich Spencer	<b>Multi-Media:</b> Derick Johnson
<b>Pianist/Music Coordinator:</b> Becky Anderson	<b>Organist:</b> Ann Vogel
<b>Organist:</b> Andrea Spencer	<b>Organist:</b> Darryl Smith
<b>Pianist:</b> Cynthia Hanover	<b>Pianist:</b> Kathlene Larson
<b>Youth Director:</b> Nick Frankenhauser	<b>Children's Ministry:</b> Jane Nuss
<b>Children's Music:</b> Maddy Frankenhauser	<b>Confirmation:</b> Amy Keller
<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Steve Slawson	<b>Custodians:</b> Brad and Nam Gehrlich
<b>Church Historian:</b> Fred Scheer	<b>Missionaries:</b> All Members of our Congregation

**Liturgist:** Jill Dickman  
**Our Giving to God, August 10, 2025**  
**Current - \$ 2,524 / Mission - \$ 136**  
**(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)**  
**Attendance – 59**

**Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund**

Altar Flowers are given today by Janice Katterheinrich in honor of  
her mother, Garnet Katterheinrich's Birthday

#### 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 17, 2025

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



# 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, 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](http://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
	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.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Ron Hall & family,*
- *Carol Schmidt, who is recovering from surgery,*
- *All of those who lost their homes in the recent building collapse,*
- *The Brown family, who lost their son in the building collapse,*
- *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](mailto: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](mailto:lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-394-6164.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday is the deadline information to go in the September Communicator.

The H.E.A.L. group will meet this Thursday at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>!! More information coming soon.

Adult Bible Study begins Sept. 18 — “Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor” with Pastor Ed, Thursdays 6:30–7:30 PM in the Chapel.

A big ‘Thank You’ to everyone who is continuing to bring in toilet paper during these hot summer months! It is greatly appreciated at Agape, as their client list is growing. Our current total, as of August 1<sup>st</sup> is 1124 rolls. Too hot to shop? Terri or Janet can do it for you! Just put the \$ in the offering plate, designate for toilet paper for Agape and we will make the

purchase for you.

Here is your opportunity to change lives: Our yearly mission trip to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS, is scheduled for Mar 22-28, 2026. It seems a long way off but time flies. If you are interested please let Jeanette Tangeman know, and she will get you all the information you need. Call or Text 419-234-7935, or email: [tangeman@ohiolink.net](mailto:tangeman@ohiolink.net).

The recent building collapse in downtown St. Marys affected four tenant families as well as the family of the man who lost his life under the rubble. The Christian Mission and Outreach Committee has made a donation of \$500 to be divided among the five affected families. Also, donations from church members were collected during the August 10th church service and again during today's service. Please place any donation you choose to make in a pew envelope and mark it 'building collapse victims'. Should you wish to send a donation at a later date, please send it directly to: Auglaize County C.E.R.T., 209 South Blackhoof Street, Suite 206, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. In the 'memo' section of your check, write: 305 East Spring Street victims and funeral expenses for Chris Brown.

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:**

Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device. Go to the app store or Google Play and search for “**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**”. The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will take you to the Vanco site. You can also contribute to the Kitchen Remodel Project on the Vanco site.

**RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN:** On the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

## **08.17.25 Scripture**

### **LUKE 13:6-9**

#### **The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree**

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

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