

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

August 24, 2025 Eleventh 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 "Come unto me, ye weary" arr. T.C. McKibben

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

People: You are our rock and our fortress; deliver us in your righteousness.

Leader: From our youth you have been our hope, O God.

People: You have been our confidence all our days.

Leader: Our praise is always of you, for your steadfast love never fails.

People: We will worship you with joy and trust you with our lives!

***Morning Prayer**

Gracious God, this morning we gather with thankful hearts. Thank you for your forgiveness of our sins, Your healing of our brokenness. You redeem our lives from the pit, and You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. We confess that we often forget Your benefits. We take Your blessings for granted and fail to live as people renewed by Your grace. Yet You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Renew us today, O Lord. Satisfy us with Your goodness, strengthen us for service, and remind us that Your compassion never fails. As we worship You, may our lives be a living testimony of Your mercy and love. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #451**

"Be Still My Soul"

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 #476**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Holy Ground" arr. J. Rouse

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:18-21

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

"The Power of Small Things"

Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #59**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***Benediction**

POSTLUDE

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" arr. M. Hayes

*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: Bryan Lynch

Our Giving to God, August 17, 2025

Current - \$ 3,768 / Mission - \$ 60

(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 83

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Jeanette Tangeman in memory of Terry

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 24, 2025

"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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| swimsuit | lemonade | heatwave | swimming | paradise | wildfire | bonfires |
| icecream | vacation | frisbee | bahamas | outside | insects | surfing |
| boating | walking | camping | rainbow | sunburn | friends | smares |
| 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 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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Sidney Smith who is a patient at SRMC,
- Larry Kill and family, as they mourn the loss of Larry's mother, Gladys,
- Carol Schmidt, who is recovering from surgery,
- Laurie Gaines, cousin of Derick Johnson, who had a major stroke which has affected her ability to communicate,
- 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

Our next BINGO will be at Vancrest on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm

Ladies Luncheon will be Thursday, September 4th, 11:30 am at CJ Highmarks.

The Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 pm

The Caregiving Support Group will meet on Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm

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

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RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 14th !!

The children will meet in the Gathering Room at 9:00 am for the start of Sunday School. They will begin with worship, and then games. Don't forget your western wear: Boots, bandanas and big smile. Saddle up and let's ride into a season of Faith, Friendship and Fellowship!

Then, after the morning Worship Service we will have a **Chili Cookoff and Brownie Showdown !!**

Bring a big pot of your best Chili or a tray of Brownies. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, including: Best overall Chili, Spiciest Chili, Kid's Favorite, and more. Brownie categories include Best Chocolate flavor, most Unique Brownie, Kids Favorite and more.

More details to follow in the coming weeks and be sure to check the upcoming September Communicator.

Not a Chili or Brownie fan? No problem! We will also be serving shredded Chicken Sandwiches, Salad, Fruit, Mac & Cheese and more. So, everyone can enjoy the feast and Fellowship.

Rally Day Food Drive: Along with the fun, Rally Day is a time to reach out in service. This year our Mission Project is a Food Drive for AGAPE Ministries, and we're making it a little competitive! It's Men vs. Women in a friendly rivalry to see who can bring the most from the list of needed foods: Peanut Butter, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Stew, Canned Fish, Canned Beans, Pasta (especially Whole Grain) and Rice (especially Brown Rice). Bring your donations starting Sunday, August 31st through Rally Day and leave in the two barrels located in the middle area of the Sanctuary; Pink for the women and Blue for the men. Let's see who wins the Bragging Rights while helping families in need!

08.24.25 Scripture

LUKE 13:18-21

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

¹⁸ He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

The Parable of the Yeast

²⁰ And again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

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

Dust of your Cowboy Hats and polish your Boots for a Western-themed RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 14th !!

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