

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

August 30, 2026 Fourteenth 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 "Take My Life and Let It Be" – Henry Malan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon God's name!

People: We will make known God's wonderful works among all people.

Leader: Sing to the Lord; tell of all that God has done.

People: Our hearts rejoice as we seek the presence of God.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works of the Lord, the promises kept and the grace given from generation to generation.

People: We remember that God has been faithful, and we trust God with what is yet to come.

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.

People: With thankful hearts, we come to worship the Lord!

Leader: Come, people of God, let us worship together!

***MORNING PRAYER**

Faithful God, search our hearts and guide our lives. Teach us to walk with integrity, to trust in Your steadfast love, and to remain faithful when the way before us is uncertain. Wash away what keeps us from You and fill us with hearts that desire what is good, just, and true. May our worship be more than words spoken this morning; may it shape the way we live, love,

forgive, and serve throughout the week. Keep our feet on solid ground, and help us stand together as Your people, giving thanks for Your grace and praising Your holy name. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN # 507 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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 # 470 "Dear Lord and Father"**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God" – David Paxton

***DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC EVAN PUGH

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ACTS 2:42-47

SERMON "GUIDED TOGETHER" Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 23 "All Creatures of Our God"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Sarabande in C" – Michael Canales

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

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Confirmation: Amy Keller
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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 23, 2026
Current - \$ 1,991 / Missions - \$ 95
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 94

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Jim Huckemeyer

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 30, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

RALLY DAY LUAU - PORK BBQ OR BRISKET SHOWDOWN

Sunday, September 13

Following Worship • Fellowship Hall

Rules & Expectations for Contestants

Thank you for entering our Rally Day Showdown! Here are a few guidelines to help everything run smoothly.

1. **Choose Your Entry** - Contestants may enter either **Pork BBQ or Brisket**. Each contestant may have one entry in the Showdown.
2. **Bring Enough for Tasting** - Please bring approximately **5–6 pounds of prepared meat** so that we have enough small tasting portions for approximately 100 people.
3. **Meat Should Arrive Fully Cooked** - All pork and brisket should arrive **fully cooked and ready to serve**. Please bring your entry in a crockpot, roaster, or other appropriate container that will keep the meat hot during the competition.
4. **Serving Supplies Will Be Provided** - Small tasting cups will be provided. Contestants should bring any special serving utensils needed for their entry.
5. **Please Provide an Ingredient List** - For allergy and food-safety awareness, please provide a list of ingredients, including sauces, seasonings, marinades, or toppings used in your entry.
6. **Give Your Creation a Name!** - Be creative! Fun names for your Pork BBQ or Brisket are encouraged.
7. **Entries Will Be Numbered** - Each entry will receive a number at the registration table. Entries should be set up and ready for tasting immediately following worship.
8. **Everyone Gets to Taste & Vote!** - Those attending Rally Day will have the opportunity to sample the entries and cast their **People's Choice votes** using **poker chips**.
9. **Our Fire Department Judges Are Back!** - Members of the Fire Department will once again serve as special judges and select their own award winner.
10. **Cash Prizes & Bragging Rights!** - Cash prizes will be awarded to our winners—and, of course, the Rally Day bragging rights are priceless!

Most Important Rule: - **Have fun!** This is a friendly competition celebrating good food, good fellowship, and our Rally Day Luau!

RALLY DAY LUAU - PINEAPPLE-INSPIRED DESSERT COMPETITION

Sunday, September 13

Following Worship • Fellowship Hall

Rules & Expectations for Contestants

Thank you for joining our tropical dessert challenge! Here are a few guidelines to help make the competition fun and easy for everyone.

1. **Pineapple Must Be an Ingredient** - Your dessert can be almost anything, cake, pie, cookies, bars, cheesecake, pudding, cupcakes, or your own creation, but **pineapple must be an ingredient in the dessert**.
2. **Bring Enough for Tasting** - Please prepare enough for approximately **100 small tasting portions**. Desserts should be divided or cut into small tasting-size portions whenever possible before arriving.
3. **Please Provide an Ingredient List** - For allergy awareness, provide a complete ingredient list with your dessert, especially noting common allergens such as nuts, dairy, eggs, wheat, or coconut.
4. **Keep Cold Desserts Cold** - If your dessert requires refrigeration, please let the Rally Day team know ahead of time so appropriate arrangements can be made.
5. **Serving Supplies Will Be Provided** - Small tasting cups/plates and disposable utensils will be provided. Please bring any special serving utensil your dessert requires.
6. **Give Your Dessert a Name!** - Creativity is encouraged! Give your pineapple creation a fun tropical name if you'd like.
7. **Entries Will Be Numbered** - Each dessert will receive a number at the registration table and should be ready for tasting immediately following worship.
8. **Everyone Gets to Taste & Vote!** - Those attending Rally Day will sample the desserts and cast their **People's Choice votes** using **poker chips**.
9. **Our Fire Department Judges Are Back!** - Members of the Fire Department will also taste the entries and select their own special award winner.
10. **Cash Prizes & Bragging Rights!** - Cash prizes will be awarded to our winners, along with the honor of becoming one of our 2026 Rally Day champions!

Most Important Rule: **Have fun and get creative with that pineapple!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Darryl Smith, and Louis & Vickie Dietz,*
- *Jeanne Dickman, wife of Keith Dickman, who is recovering from surgery,*
- *Parker Wynn & family; Parker suffered a serious spinal injury playing Football,*
- *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**](mailto: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**](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text: 419-305-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

[Ladies Luncheon is this Thursday, September 3rd at 11:30am at the Mason Jar.](#)
[“Hot Dog Thursday” is this Thursday, September 3rd from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.](#)
[The Personnel Committee will meet this Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm.](#)

[Discover Your Spiritual Gifts - A 7-Week Class | Beginning Sept 10](#)

Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm

Have you ever wondered how God has uniquely gifted you?

Join us for a 7-week class as we explore spiritual gifts, take a gifts inventory, and discern how God is calling each of us to serve with joy and purpose.

Space is limited to 12 participants to allow for discussion.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the Sound & AV station.

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
	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon at The Mason Jar
	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Hot Dog Thursday
	6:00 pm	Personnel Committee
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.

08.30.26 SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.