

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

August 31, 2025

Twelfth 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 "Petite Allemande" – Garrett Parker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord declares, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

People: We gather to receive the blessings of the Lord, who provides for His people.

Leader: The Lord laments, "Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!"

People: Today we set our hearts to obey, and our ears to hear the word of the Lord.

Leader: God promises, "I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

People: We come to worship the Lord our God, who delivers and sustains us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with reverence and gladness,

People: He alone is our God.

*MORNING PRAYER

Almighty and Merciful God, we gather this morning to praise You, for You are the One who blesses those who walk in Your ways. You call us to delight in Your commands, and You make our lives shine with light in the darkness. We thank You for Your steadfast love, for the promise that the righteous will never be shaken, and for the hope that generosity and compassion will reflect Your goodness in the world. Lord,

make us a people who trust You in all things.
Strengthen us to be merciful and just, generous in giving and steadfast in faith.
When fear and uncertainty rise up around us, remind us that our hearts are secure in You. 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 of Mankind"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Patriotic Melody" (Style of Bach)

*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Leslie Hullinger "Revive us Again" – Mark Hayes

THE GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 14:7-11

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON "Where's the Spotlight?" Pastor Ed Karges

*HYMN #23 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Benediction

POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – Robert w. Thygerson

*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

Pianist: Cynthia Hanover

Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser

Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser

Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson

Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer

Multi-Media: Derick Johnson

Organist: Ann Vogel

Organist: Darryl Smith

Pianist: Kathlene Larson

Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss

Confirmation: Amy Keller

Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Liturgist: Dane Marsee

Our Giving to God, August 24, 2025

Current - \$ 2,238 / Mission - \$ 230

(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 87

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Becky Anderson in recognition of her Dad'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

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Sidney Smith & Carol Schmidt*
- *Kathleen Larsen & her family at the loss of Kathleen's son, Dan,*
- *Grace Young & family, due to the passing of grace's sister, Dorothy Prueter,*
- *The family of Brenda Speckman, who passed away this week,*
- *Kelly Kill's brother, Jeff Lemming, who will undergo surgery this coming week,*
- *A friend of Adele Fast who is undergoing chemotherapy,*
- *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 this Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm
Ladies Luncheon will be this Thursday, September 4th, 11:30 am at CJ Highmarks.
Please notify Jane Nuss or the Church office by Tuesday if you plan to attend.
The Personnel Committee will meet this Thursday, at 6:00 pm
The Caregiving Support Group will meet on Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm
Adult Bible Study begins Sept. 18 — “Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor” with Pastor Ed, Thursdays 6:30–7:30 PM in the Chapel.

So far, we have raised over \$1400.00 for the victims of the building collapse! You can send future donations 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!!**

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	LABOR DAY	Church Office Closed
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 CJ Highmarks
	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.

RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH !!

Join us for a Western-themed Rally Day as we celebrate the start of Sunday School at 9:00am.

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After the morning Worship Service we will have a **Chili Cookoff and Brownie Showdown !!**



Saddle Up for Rally Day!

Chili Cookoff, Brownie Showdown, and Food Drive Competition

Dust off your cowboy hats and polish your boots—it's time for our Rally Day celebration! This year we're hosting a **Chili Cookoff and Brownie Showdown** with a western theme. There will be great food, fun competition, music, and a special mission project for us all to join.

Chili Cookoff Categories and Prizes

- **Best Overall Chili (People's Choice) 75.00**
- **Spiciest Chili 40.00**
- **Most Creative Chili 40.00**
- **Kid Favorite Chili 40.00**
- **Firefighters' Favorite Chili 55.00**
(chosen by our local fire department guests!)

Brownie Showdown Categories

- **Best Chocolate Flavor 50.00**
- **Most Unique Brownie 35.00**
- **Kid Favorite Brownie 30.00**
- **Firefighters' Favorite Brownie 35.00**

