

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

September 13, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am

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 "Morning Melody Mary Elizabeth Dexter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When God’s people stepped out in faith, the Lord went before them.

People: The sea gave way, the river turned back, and God made a way forward.

Leader: Mountains leaped and the earth trembled in the presence of the Lord.

People: For our God is still moving, still leading, still making a way.

Leader: Today we gather as one church, young and old, friends and families,
longtime members and new faces.

**People: We gather to celebrate what God has done and to follow where God
leads next.**

Leader: On this Rally Day, let us worship with joy, expectation, and grateful
hearts.

**People: We are God’s people, gathered together and ready to go where God
leads! Let us worship the Lord!**

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we bless Your holy name and remember all the
good You have done. You forgive us, heal us, surround us with steadfast love,
and fill our lives with good things. On this Rally Day, we thank You for this
church family for every generation, every gift, every servant, and every person
You have brought into our life together. Keep us from becoming so busy that
we forget why we are here. Renew our strength, deepen our love, and give us

hearts eager to serve. As a parent has compassion for a child, You have
compassion for us. Help us extend that same grace to one another and to our
neighbors. May the joy we celebrate today become love in action tomorrow,
so that through us others may see the goodness of Christ. It is in this spirit
that we pray together, Our Father...

*HYMN # 2 "O Worship The King"

CELEBRATING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversaries

*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 # 502 "Be Thou My Vision"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands"

By Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TODAY’S GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 13:34-35

SERMON "IT STARTS WITH US" Pastor Ed Karges

*CLOSING HYMN # 426 "Blessed Assurance"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Jesus is All The World to Me" Charity Boyles

*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
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
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
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlisch

Liturgist: Dane Marsee
Our Giving to God, September 6, 2026
Current - \$ 4,692 / Missions - \$ 386
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 83
Loose offering today will go to Breaking Bread

Altar Flowers are given today by the Sunday School

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
September 13, 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, Louis & Vicki Dietz,*
- *The family and friends of Janet Hoge, who passed away last Sunday. The family had private services,*
- *All Military Personnel who find themselves in harm's way all around the world, as well as our Veterans who served in the past,,*
- *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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The H.E.A.L. Group Will Meet This Thursday, September 17th, at 1:30 pm.

The Stewardship Committee will meet right after the morning Worship Service next Sunday, September 20th.

Fall Harvest Meal and Market tickets will go on sale today, before and after worship service. Tickets can be purchased from Jane Laird, Jane

Nuss, or in the church office. Sign-up sheets for desserts and volunteers are also available.

Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for June 14-20, 2027. Greg and Sarah Walter along with Dave and Kara Birt will be taking the youth on a mission trip to High Country UCC in North Carolina. We're looking for 16 high school and college age youth to join us. Contact Sarah 419-305-1952 to sign up and answer any questions you might have at this time.

'Discover Your Spiritual Gifts' 7-Week Class began this week.

Thursdays, 6:30–7:30pm. 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. A few paces are still available. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the Sound & AV station.

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. This year, the date for the Neighbors in Need offering is October 4. Thank you for your support and generosity!

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist 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.

BOLD PRINTS	FLARE	RUFFLES
DENIM	POLYESTER	WIDE LEG
PATCHES	VEST	CROCHET
VELVET	CORDUROY	LEISURE SUIT
COLLARS	JUMPSUIT	SATIN



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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.

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	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:30 pm	
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges