

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

September 14, 2025 Fourteenth 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**

“The Lord’s Lariat” – “Tennessee Ernie” Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”
People: But we come today to seek the Lord who is our refuge.
Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven to see who is wise and who seeks after God.
People: We come, confessing our need and longing for God’s mercy.
Leader: The Lord is with the company of the righteous.
People: We will rejoice, for the Lord is our salvation!
Leader: Let us worship God, who restores us with joy.
People: Let us worship God, who gives us hope.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Merciful God, we come before You this morning, not pretending to be perfect, but trusting in Your steadfast love. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing compassion. Wash us clean from the stain of sin and create in us new and willing hearts. We confess that too often we wander, choosing our own way instead of Yours. We speak words that wound, we ignore the cries of the hurting, we forget to love as You have loved us. But You, O Lord, are full of mercy. Blot out our transgressions and renew in us a steadfast spirit. Open our lips, that we may sing Your praise, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #2 “O Worship the King ”**

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 “His Hands” - Stuart Hamblen
***DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC Jason Schumm “Where Could I Go, But to the Lord”

THE GOSPEL LESSON PHILLIPIANS 3:12-14

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “Recalculating” Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #426 “Blessed Assurance”**

***Benediction**

POSTLUDE “Back in the Saddle Again” - Gene Autry

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Organist: Andrea Spencer
Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Confirmation: Amy Keller
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
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Amy Keller
Our Giving to God, September 7, 2025
Current - \$ 4,816 / Mission - \$ 301
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 87
Loose offering today will go to Breaking Bread

Altar Flowers are given today by Becky Anderson in recognition
of her Mother'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
September 14, 2025

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



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DEMOGRAPHIC CREDENTIALS CONNOISSEUR POPULATION CONTRADICT
RECOGNIZE DEMOCRACY COGNIZANT COGNITION UNICYCLE
POPULOUS EPIDEMIC DICTATOR CYCLICAL CREDIBLE
VERDICT PREDICT POPULAR DISCORD CYCLOPS
CYCLONE COURAGE CORDIAL CERTIFY CERTAIN
INDICT ACCORD

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	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	KIDKONNECT
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
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Bible Study in Heritage Hall
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

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.
PRAYER REQUESTS
➤ Please continue praying for: Sidney Smith, Jeff Lemming, and Lucas Knatz
➤ 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

After the Worship Service this morning, will be our Chili Cookoff and Brownie Showdown! Everyone attending gets to taste and vote in the “People’s Choice” categories.

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.

Rebecca Circle meets tomorrow at 1:00 pm.

KIDKONNECT is this Wednesday, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. We will have a Scavenger Hunt and a project. Hot Dogs and chips will be provided.

Adult Bible Study begins this Thursday, September 18th. “Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor” with Pastor Ed, Thursdays 6:30–7:30 pm in Heritage Hall.

The deadline for information to be included in the October Newsletter is this Friday, September 19th.

Tickets for the Fall Cafeteria on Wednesday, Oct. 1st are now on sale. Adult tickets are \$11.00, and children's tickets are \$6.00. Tickets are available after the worship service in the Hospitality Room, in the church office, or by contacting Jane Nuss or Jane Laird.

The Adult Forum Class will start up again on Sunday, October 5th at 8:45 pm.

The children will be singing in the morning Worship Service on October 5th.

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2025 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment in the Sanctuary.



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

09.14.25 Scripture

PHILLIPIANS 3:12-14

Pressing toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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