

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

September 27, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am

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 "O, Worship The King" – Carl F. Schalk

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, come and listen to the teaching of the Lord.

People: **We open our hearts to hear what God would say to us.**

Leader: We will remember the stories of faith handed down to us.

People: **We will remember the wonderful works God has done.**

Leader: We will not keep God's goodness to ourselves.

People: **We will tell the next generation of God's power, grace, and love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who has been faithful in every generation.

People: **And let us carry God's story into the world. Let us worship God!**

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious God, you call us together in worship, and then you send us into the world. Teach us to go as Jesus sent his disciples carrying your peace, offering your love, and seeing our neighbors with compassion. Keep us from becoming so busy that we fail to notice the people along our way. Give us courage to cross the road when someone needs us, humility to receive the kindness of others, and wisdom to know when it is time to serve and when it is time simply to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen.

May our words bless rather than wound, our actions reflect your mercy, and our lives show that your kingdom has come near. End us from this place ready to love you and to love our neighbors in all that we do. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

*HYMN # 50 "Great Is the Lord"

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 # 66 "To God Be the Glory"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "In The Garden" – Steven Scott
*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 10:31-42

SERMON "BLESS BEFORE YOU SPEAK" Pastor Ed Karges

*CLOSING HYMN # 72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Jigg in C" – William Edmund

*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
Confirmation: Amy Keller	Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser	Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser	Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlch
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson	
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation	

Liturgist: Ruth Knous
Our Giving to God, September 20, 2026
Current - \$ 2,258 / Missions - \$ 235
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance - 113

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Rich & Susan Spencer in gratitude for their many blessings and their children.

Additional altar flowers are given by Mary Smith and family in memory of Sidney P. Smith for his 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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"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,
- a friend of Diane Gayer who is in the hospital at SRMC,
- 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 Ladies Luncheon will be at the Bowling Alley this Thursday, Oct. 1st at 11:30am.

IT'S BACK !! IN NEW FORM !!

Next Sunday, October 4th, 9:00am in Heritage Hall, will be our first ADULT FORUM Class for the Fall. Calling all Christians who want to indulge in something new !! BE THERE !!

Fall Harvest Meal and Market tickets are on sale, 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.



The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion. One-third of the offering is 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 Neighbors in Need offering is next Sunday, October 4th. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

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.

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FALL HARVEST MEAL & MARKET 2026

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Chicken or Swiss Steak Adults \$12, Children (11 and under) \$6
Bake Sale – Locally Grown Produce – Fall Decor
1:00pm – 6:30pm in Heritage Hall



*Join us and dine in the Fellowship
Hall, or you can drive-through
carryout by entering the main
parking lot from High Street.*

*Tickets can be purchased at the
church office or at the door, or
from Jane Laird or Jane Nuss.*

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 Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
	10:00 am	
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 Bowling Alley
	6:00 pm	Personnel Committee
Friday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Spiritual Gifts Class
	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Class
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

September 27, 2026

Luke 10:31-42

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you

not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."