

## Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ The [FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30-10 am. Come out and enjoy a warm, delicious breakfast and get to know some of our neighbors too! To help out, contact Sandy Bareford @ 717.341.5931.
- ◆ Save the date for [Fall Fest](#) to be held next Sunday, **September 17 from 4-6 pm.** There will be lots of games, fall activities, and food too! **Donations are needed for Fall Fest:** pumpkins of all sizes, hot dogs, hot dog buns and 24 count of 8 oz water bottles – please sign up on the sheet on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary to donate. And thank you!



### From Pastor Bill Long:

**If you have questions about anything you've heard today,** please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

**If you need Pastoral Care:** If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call the church and leave a message – messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

### Church Calendar

Sunday: 9 am Sub Sale/Prayer  
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary  
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot  
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

Monday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team

Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)

Thursday: 5:30 pm Simply Yoga  
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

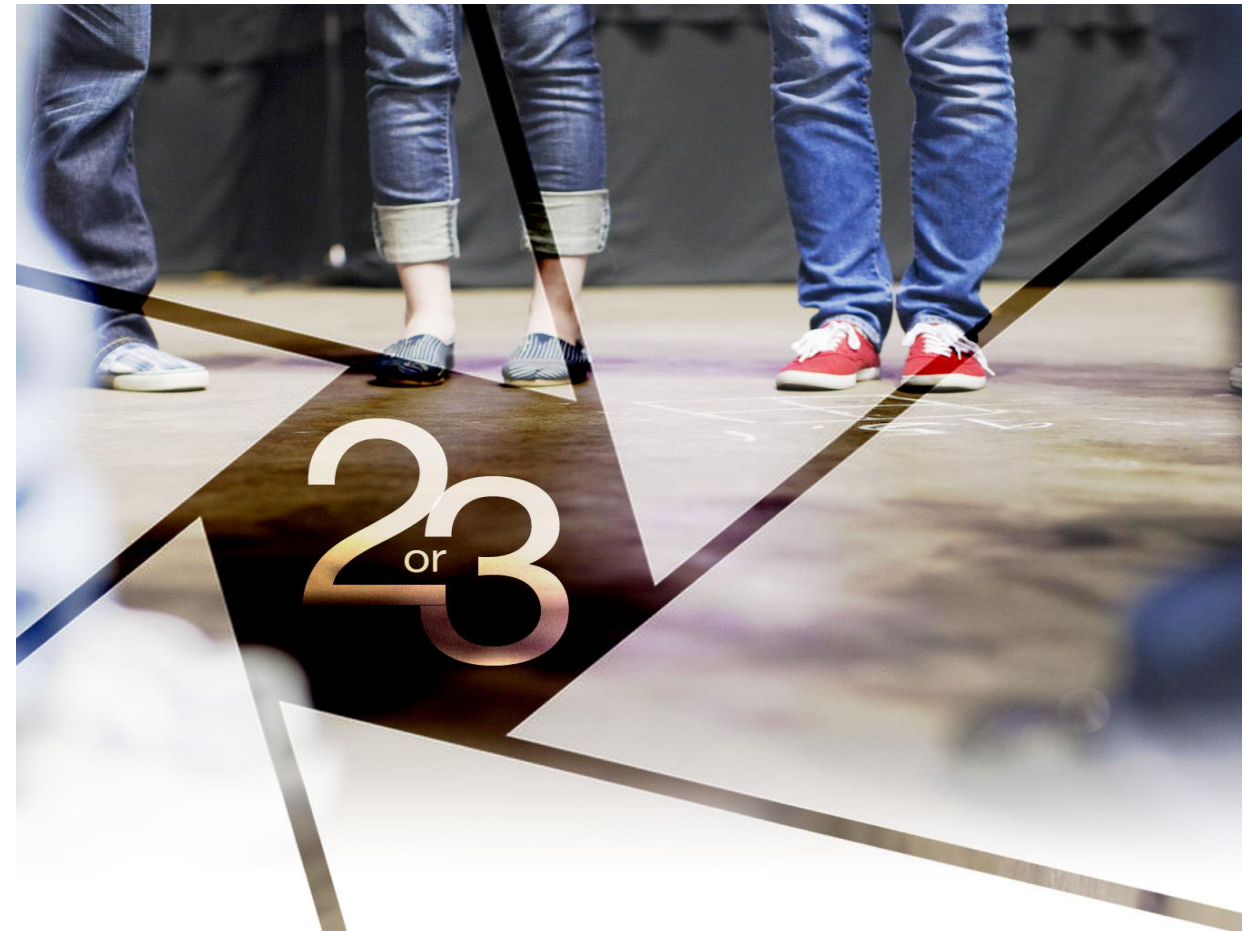
Saturday: 8:30-10 am [FREE Community Breakfast](#)

Next Sunday: **October Newsletter Deadline!**  
9 am Sub Sale /Prayer  
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or  
[Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot  
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)  
**4-6 pm Fall Fest**

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FOR WHERE TWO OR  
THREE ARE GATHERED  
IN MY NAME, I AM  
THERE AMONG THEM.

MATTHEW 18:20, NRSV

Welcome to  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
**September 10, 2023**

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# WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to  
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

## Welcome & Announcements

♦ **Call to Prayer/ Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "Softly and Tenderly" - Smith

**Call to Worship** ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)

♦ **Hymn #592** "[Jesus Calls Us](#)"

## Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

**P:** God, you are generous in love, huge in mercy. Wash away my guilt. You are the One I have wronged. All my sin is before you. Make a fresh start with me. Bring me back from my night. May Christ always be my light. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

**Reading of Scripture** [Ezekiel 33:7-11/Romans 13:8-14/ ♦ St. Matthew 18:15-20](#)

**Song** "[Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#)" - [Tomlin](#)/Newton/Giglio

♦ **Confession of Faith** - [Hymn #285 Verse 3](#) (Sung)

**P:** Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)

**Sermon** "[An Old Man with a Snow Shovel](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

♦ **Hymn #602** "[I Have Decided to Follow Jesus](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Sing A New Song of Joy!" - Livingston, Jr.

♦ All who are able may stand

## Announcements

**Welcome!** It's so great to worship with you once again!

### Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Phyllis Smeltz

Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

**Offering Options:** Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the offering plate as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

## Bible Study for Fall

A new Bible Study continues on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are studying 1 & 2 Peter & the book of Jude this Fall. Study guides will be available to pick up on the table outside the church office. All are welcome!

## Save the Date for Book Club

Book Club will meet next on Monday, October 2 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite book and come prepared to share why it is your favorite! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Then in early 2024, we'll read "Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther " by Roland Bainton.

## Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Mission Team. In the past our team has served at Deep Root's Clairvaux Farm in Earleville, MD and by helping out with the Manheim Project. Please support these mission endeavors by using your September special envelope.

## Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.

Please  
Pray  
for...



Please pray for: God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Amen.

Today's Prayer: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Amen.