

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ Please sign up to be a coffee host or to help out at 1st Thursday. See the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for available dates to help out! And thanks!
- ◆ The Fellowship Breakfast will be held this Thursday, August 24 @ 8:30 am @ Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. All are invited to attend. RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325.
- ◆ [Women's Fellowship](#) will be held this Thursday, August 24 @ 1 pm @ The Shack. All women and friends are invited to attend this time of great food and fellowship.



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: **September Newsletter Deadline!**

9:00 am 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

Thursday: 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast

1 pm [Women's Fellowship @ The Shack](#)

5:30 pm Simply Yoga

7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

Next

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St Paul's United Church of Christ

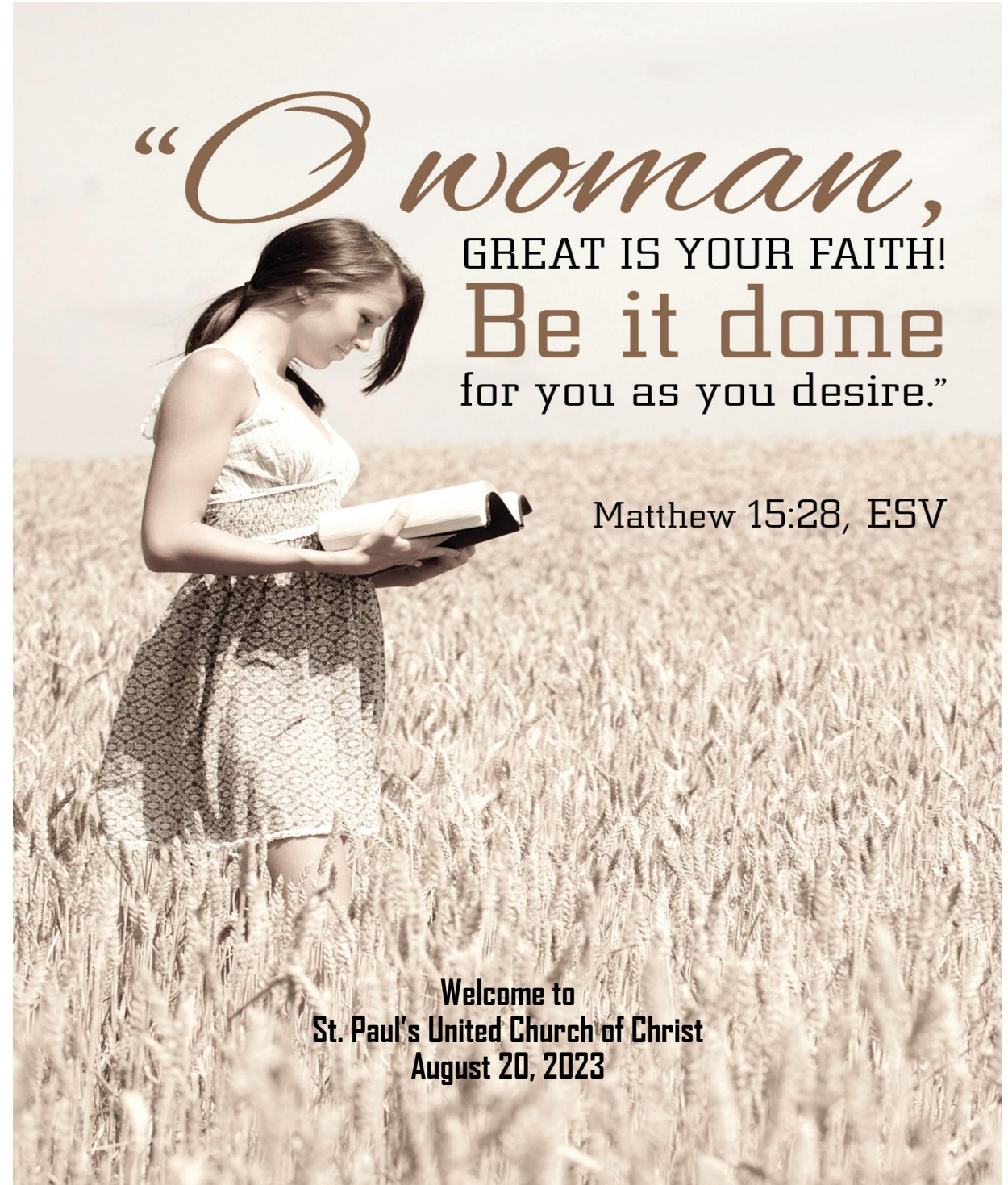
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“O woman,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!
Be it done
for you as you desire.”

Matthew 15:28, ESV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
August 20, 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/Prelude

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

- Livingston

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

(Celebrate Insert)

♦ Hymn #349

["O How He Loves You and Me"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all, I acknowledge and confess my many sins. I do earnestly repent, and I am sorry for my misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to me. Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me all my sins; and grant that I may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ Offertory #815

Prayers of Intercession

(Celebrate Insert)

Reading of Scripture

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#)/[Romans 11:1-2, 29-32](#)/♦[St. Matthew 15:10-28](#)

Song

["King of Kings"](#)

- Ligertwood/Ingram/Ligertwood

♦ Apostles' Creed

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Sermon

["From the Heart to the Mouth"](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

♦ Hymn #347

["And Can It Be?"](#)

♦ Benediction

♦ Postlude

"We Plow The Fields And Scatter"

- Hughes

♦ 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 will begin on Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will study 1 & 2 Peter & the book of Jude this Fall. Study guides are 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 August Mission of the Month is [Bible2School](#). Please use your August special envelope to give to help elementary school students come to know Jesus through Bible2School. Help these students come to Know God, Love God and Serve God as we make a difference with them together.

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 care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God. Amen.

Today's Prayer: O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Amen.