

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- A **Work Day** is planned for Saturday, October 3 from 9 am-Noon. Outside work includes weeding, and preparation for fall/winter, and inside work includes moving furniture and putting items back from the renovation, throwing out the trash, and preparing items to be placed on Facebook Marketplace.
- The **Wednesday Bible Study** is focusing on the minor prophets of the Old Testament. The study is held in the 3 C's Café on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm – all are welcome!
- Save the day for Sunday, October 25. We will celebrate **Reformation Sunday** and will dedicate all the new spaces that were recently renovated as well! You won't want to miss this!



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 Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Wednesday: 6 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 9 am-Noon Church Work Day
10 am Simply Yoga
Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

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“Go and work in the vineyard today.”

MATTHEW 21:28



Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
September 27, 2026

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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

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day "Jesus Is Calling" - Ritter

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) - Celebrate Insert Page 2

♦ **Hymn #344** "[Grace Greater than Our Sin](#)" Verses 1, 3 & 4

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Compassionate God,

P: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Song "[You Say](#)" - See Insert

Confession of Faith - Based on Romans 8:31-39

P: "What then are we to say about these things? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," Amen and Amen!

Reading of Scripture [Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32](#)/[Philippians 2:1-13](#)/♦ [St. Matthew 21:23-32](#)

Sermon "[The Unanswered Question](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

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

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Love Lifted Me" - Smith

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller

Music Provided by June Smith, Organist

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 donation box 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!

You're Invited to [Coffee Hour](#)!

After worship today, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone and you'll have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's UCC and Pastor Bill Long!

[Nursery is Available](#)

The Nursery, located on the first floor next to the 3 C's Café, is available for children under 5 and their parents. The worship service is livestreamed into the nursery and there are children's bulletins with today's lessons available as well.

Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund. This fund is used to help members and friends of St. Paul's that are facing a financial difficulty to help with things like housing, utilities, transportation, or medical needs. Please use your September envelope to give support to a friend in need that might just be sitting next to you in worship.

Prayers of the People

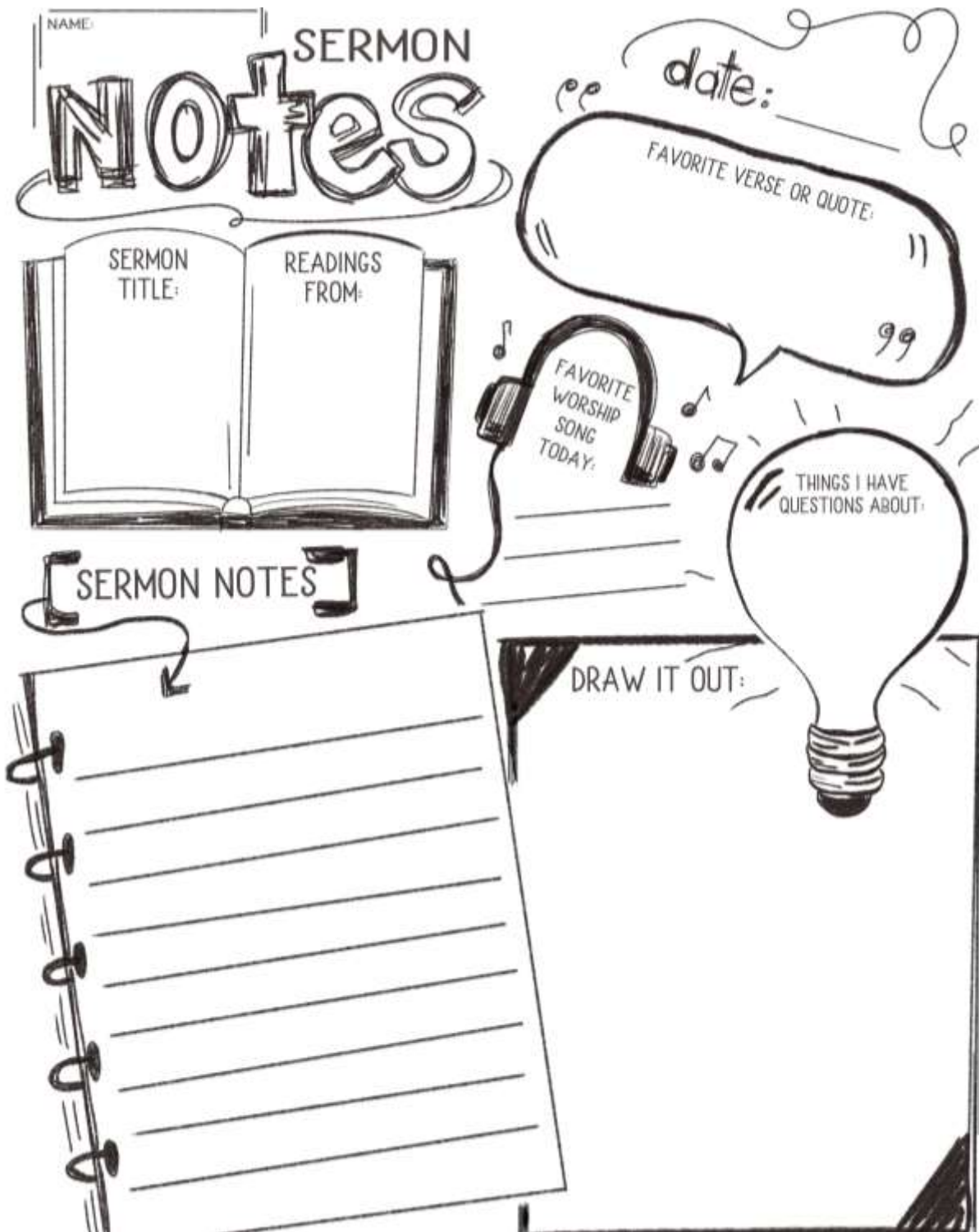
To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.



Please pray: God, guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Amen.

Discernment Prayer:

- ♦ Please include in your prayers the work of the church here at St. Paul's and in the community of Manheim, thanking God for his great harvest!



You Say

(V1 C V2 C V3 C Bridge Ending)

Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now
Is ev'rything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity

Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God
You'll have ev'ry victory

Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe
What You say of me I believe