

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ♦ **A Congregational Meeting** will be held TODAY following worship. On the Agenda is the Annual Report. Please plan to attend.
- ♦ **Souper Bowl Sunday:** be sure to drop your soup can donations at the altar – the collection to benefit the Manheim Central Food Pantry continues throughout the month of February.
- ♦ An **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** will be held on Wednesday, February 18 @ 7 pm. **Lenten Meals** will begin the following Wednesday, February 25 @ 6 pm w/worship to follow @ 6:30 pm.
- ♦ **Date Change for the Book Club** will now be held next on Monday, March 2 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Pick up your copy of "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho to read and prepare for discussion at our next meeting.



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.

St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Church Calendar

Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am Congregational Meeting
Followed by [Coffee Hour](#)
Monday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team Meeting
Wednesday: 1:30 pm [Communion @ Pleasant View](#)
6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
Next
Sunday: **March Newsletter Deadline**
9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Next Monday: Office Closed for Presidents' Day



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MATTHEW 5:13, NRSV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
February 8, 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 "The Light of Faith" - Nolte

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

♦ **Hymn #215** ["When Morning Gilds the Skies"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Confession of Faith - The 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.

Reading of Scripture [Isaiah 58:1-12](#)/[1 Corinthians 2:1-16](#)/♦[St. Matthew 5:13-20](#)

Sermon ["Salt and Light"](#) - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #139** ["Great Is Thy Faithfulness"](#)

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" - Wilson

♦ 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 the meeting today, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some yummy 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!

[Inclement Weather Policy](#)

In case of inclement weather, please call the church office at 717.665.2447 (after 8 am on Sundays) for service/event cancellations or delays. WGAL.com, WGAL and our website are other options to check as well.

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month is the [Manheim Central Food Pantry](#) which helps to feed our neighbors who are in need. Please use your February special envelope to support those living in the Manheim Central School District that are struggling to feed their families. Needed foods as listed in the newsletter may also be donated and placed in the hallway near the kitchen.

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God, your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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L: Lift up your hearts. **P:** We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P:** It is right for us to do so.

◆ Gloria Patri

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Prayer of Consecration

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth: Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

Hymn #462

"Come, Share the Lord"

Verse 1

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.

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