

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- Remember to **WEAR RED** for the [Pentecost Sunday Church Picnic](#) next Sunday, May 24. Worship will be held @ 9:30 am outside that day in our parking lot and the picnic will follow worship with Andy Ressler's world-famous BBQ Chicken and Ice Cream too! Sign-up on the table outside the Sanctuary to bring your favorite dish!
- The [Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held next Thursday, May 28 @ 8:30 am @ Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325 by Sunday, May 24 if you plan to attend.
- [Women's Fellowship](#) will meet next Thursday @ 1 pm @ The Shack. Feel free to order lunch or just enjoy some ice cream. All women are invited to attend.



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.

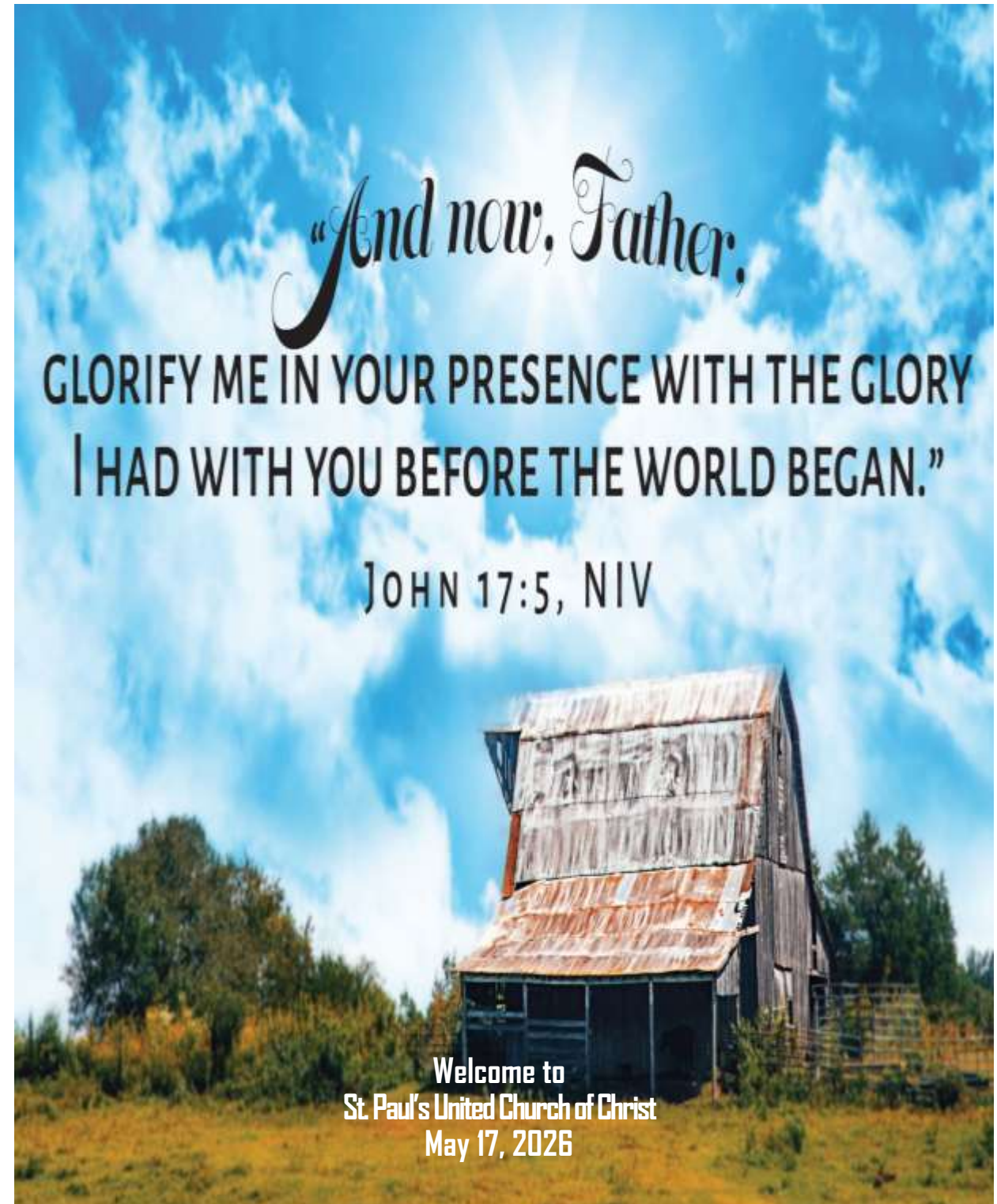
Church Calendar

- Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am Congregational Meeting w/[Coffee Hour](#) to follow
- Monday: Elections Set-Up
- Tuesday: Elections
6 pm Church Council
- Wednesday 1:30 pm [Pleasant View Communion](#)
6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
- Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
- Next
Sunday: 9:30 am [Outdoor Worship](#) - **Wear Red!**
10:30 am [Church Picnic](#)

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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 "Dove of Peace" - Sewell

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

♦ **Hymn #11** "[Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: God of depths, searcher of hearts, you know the tumult of our lives. Layer upon layer of needs; list after lists of demands; bills to pay; constant noise from tv, traffic, cell phones, computers, neon lights flashing signals, all of it penetrating our eyes and maybe our souls. Enough, O Lord! Clear our hearts to see what is important. For your love dries our tears, your forgiveness picks us up; your peace embraces us. 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 #49 in The Heidelberg Catechism

L: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

P: First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of the Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Reading of Scripture [Acts 1:6-14/1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11/♦ St. John 17:1-11](#)

Sermon "[Like a Fetter](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #750** "[Peace like a River](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Come, Let Us Sing" - Paxton

♦ 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!

Please Stay for the Congregational Meeting

Following worship today, is a Congregational Meeting to discuss and approve additional funding needed to repair the boiler and continue renovations on the second floor this summer.

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

After the meeting today, please follow the crowd downstairs to the 3 C's Café 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!

Mission of the Month

The May Mission of the Month is [Strengthen the Church Fund](#). This fund is a UCC initiative that supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Please use your May special envelope to support this Fund. Together, we are making a difference through the love of Christ to Know God, Love God & Serve God!

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God, your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. Amen.

