

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ The [Psalm Bible Study](#) continues on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to experience the realm of emotions and reliance on God found throughout the Psalms.
- ◆ **Women's Fellowship** will hold a Sub Sale in May. Orders will be taken on Sundays, May 4 & 11 with a pick-up date of Thursday, May 22.
- ◆ A **Mission Team Meeting** will be held on Sunday, May 11 during Coffee Hour for those traveling to Deep Roots/Clairvaux Farms in Earleville MD on June 11-14. Anyone interested should attend.
- ◆ On Sunday, May 18, we'll [Worship at 10 am @ Pleasant View's](#) Hoffer Auditorium, with coffee hour held in the Gathering Place. This will be the only worship service for that day.



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](#)/Sub Sale
Monday: 7 pm Property Board
Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Psalm Bible Study](#)
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer/Sub Sale
9:30 am [One Worship-Mother's Day](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)/Mission Team Meeting

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“FOLLOW ME.”
John 21:19

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
May 4, 2025

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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, Savior, Pilot Me" - Thompson

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

♦ **Hymn #409** "[Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Loving God,

P: The signs of your presence are everywhere. Yet my eyes are shut to your wonder and my ears closed to your words. My days are scheduled so full that it would take an earthquake to lift my heart to you. I carry grudges and resentments that block your love and grace. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Hymn #631 "[The Lord's Prayer](#)"

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (partial)

P: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, he became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Reading of Scripture [Acts 9:1-20/Revelation 5:11-14](#)/♦ [St. John 21:1-19](#)

Sermon "[Encountering Christ](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #572** "[Blessed Assurance](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "My Heart Ever Faithful" - Bach/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

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!](#)

Following the 9:30 am worship service, please follow the crowd down to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone! You'll even have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's including Pastor Bill Long!

[Nursery Care](#)

The Nursery will be staffed on the 1st Sunday of each month and will include a Bible lesson. For other Sundays, the nursery is available unstaffed to parents and children to use during worship as the service is livestreamed into the nursery.

Mission of the Month

The May Mission of the Month is [UCC's Strengthen the Church Fund](#). This fund supports leadership development in the church, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Please use your May Special Envelope to Make a Difference to Build Up the Body of Christ.

Prayers of the People

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

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray: God inspire the church with he breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God, you invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Amen.

Fellowship & True Vine Cups:

St. Paul's UCC is using True Vine Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Chalice cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe. True Vine Chalice cups are available with both regular and gluten free wafer; gluten free cups are clearly marked Gluten Free at the chalice opening.

To use the True Vine Cups, please hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer or bread end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the cup over and carefully peel open the juice side of the cup.

To use the True Vine Chalice cups, hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the chalice container and carefully peel open the wine side to drink.

If you need assistance, please feel free to check with a neighbor.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit.**

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

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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.**

Hymn #485

["Into My Heart"](#)

Sharing of the Elements

♦ 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.