

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, May 17 following the 9:30 am worship service. On the agenda is approval for additional funding support from the Endowment Fund for the Capital Projects, specifically the additional cost for the boiler repair and to consider and approve funding for the 2nd floor renovations of the hallways, creation of an Archive Room, and to update the Pastor and Church offices to take place in Summer 2026. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- ◆ Next Sunday, May 10, St. Paul's will be celebrating all women in worship in honor of **Mother's Day**.
- ◆ The **FREE Community Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30-10 am. Enjoy a warm, delicious breakfast among friends!



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.

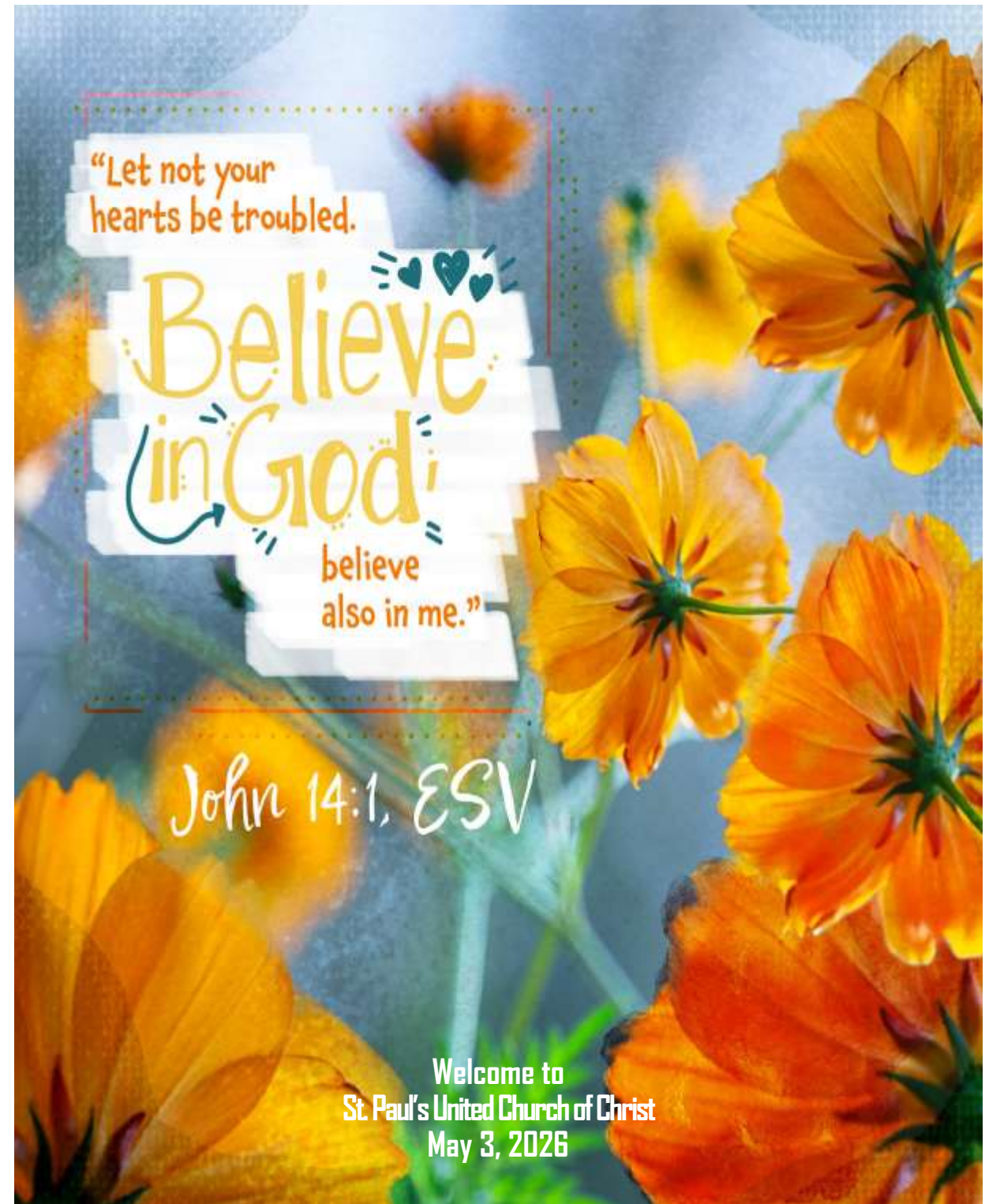
Church Calendar

- Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
- Monday: 7 pm Property Board
- Tuesday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team
- Wednesday 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
- Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
2-4 pm Sub Sale Pick-Up
6 pm Music Team
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
May 3, 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 "My Faith is Firmly Found" - Bach/arr. Wells

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

♦ **Hymn #21** "[O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing](#)" Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

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

Song "[This I Believe \(The Creed\)](#)" - Fielding/Crocker See Insert

Installation of Church Council

Reading of Scripture [Acts 7:55-60](#)/[1 Peter 2:2-10](#)/ ♦ [St. John 14:1-14](#)

Sermon "[Peace for a Troubled Heart](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #410** "[Standing on the Promises](#)" Verses 1, 2 & 3

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Postlude in C" - Ashford

♦ 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 the 3 C's Café 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!

Please Pardon Our Appearance...

As we continue upgrading the first floor, 3 C's Café is set up temporarily for Coffee Hour, Bible Study, the FREE Community Breakfast, etc. in place of Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for your patience and grace during these renovations!

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: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Amen.

Today's Prayer: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Amen.

This I Believe (The Creed) by Ben Fielding/Matt Crocker
V1 C1 V2 B B C1 C2 Ending

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again

Ending

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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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 Sabaoth: 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

♦ **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.



Geraniums for Pentecost

We're going to blanket the Sanctuary in RED on Pentecost Sunday, May 24!

If you would like to blanket the Sanctuary in red with geraniums, please fill out this form and return **with payment** to the church office to place your order. You may also place your order and money in the offering box, making sure it is clearly marked for Pentecost Geraniums.

The Geraniums are in 6" pots, features RED flowers wrapped in RED foil. The cost is \$9 per plant.

Red Geranium - Quantity _____ x \$9 = \$_____

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

**The deadline to place your order is
Sunday, May 17, 2026!**

MY SERMON notes date: / /

today's scriptures

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prayers

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