

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ Come out to see us at [1st Thursday](#) on September 7 from 5-8 pm. We'll have a cool bottle of water for you and your pets, and games for the kids with prizes. Have a quiet prayer in our memorial garden or spend time getting to know our neighbors.
- ◆ A [Young Adult Night Out](#) w/Campfire will be held on Saturday, September 9 – text 717.314.4792 for info or to RSVP.
- ◆ Save the date for [Fall Fest](#) to be held on Sunday, September 17 from 4-6 pm. There will be lots of games, fall activities, and food too!



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](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Thursday: 5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

Next
Sunday: 9 am Sub Sale
9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or
[Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

Next Monday: Labor Day – Office Closed

St Paul's United Church of Christ

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On **THIS ROCK**
I will build **MY CHURCH**,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
August 27, 2023

Matthew 16:18, ESV

August 27, 2023

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "Jesus Is All The World To Me" - Hughes
Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)

♦ **Hymn #401** ["The Church's One Foundation"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all, I acknowledge and confess my many sins. I do earnestly repent, and I am sorry for my misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to me. Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me all my sins; and grant that I may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**
Special Music "Think About His Love" Kathy Seaber, soloist/A. Harrah
Prayers of Intercession (Celebrate Insert)

Reading of Scripture [Isaiah 51:1-6/Romans 12:1-8/♦St. Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Song ["You Say"](#) - Daigle/Ingram/Mabury/Norman/Donehey

♦ **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.

Sermon ["What's A Church?"](#) - Pastor Bill Long

♦ **Hymn #403** ["Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"](#)

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Stand Up For Jesus " - Smith

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Phyllis Smeltz
Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve 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 offering plate 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!

Bible Study for Fall

A new [Bible Study](#) will begin on Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will study 1 & 2 Peter & the book of Jude this Fall. Study guides are available to pick up on the table outside the church office. All are welcome!

Save the Date for Book Club

[Book Club](#) will meet next on Monday, October 2 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite book and come prepared to share why it is your favorite! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Then in early 2024, we'll read "Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther " by Roland Bainton.

Mission of the Month

The August Mission of the Month is [Bible2School](#). Please use your August special envelope to give to help elementary school students come to know Jesus through Bible2School. Help these students come to Know God, Love God and Serve God as we make a difference with them together.

Prayers of the People

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

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray: God, you provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism, prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God, encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Amen.