

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ Come see us at [1st Thursday](#), this Thursday, September 7 from 5-8 pm. We'll have a cool bottle of water for you, a drink for your pets, and games for the kids with prizes.
- ◆ [A Young Adult Night Out](#) will be held @ The Herman's on Saturday, September 9. Text 717.314.4792 to RSVP
- ◆ The [FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy a delicious, warm breakfast with friends!
- ◆ [Fall Fest](#) will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 4-6 pm. Come out and enjoy a great evening of fun, food & friendships!



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.

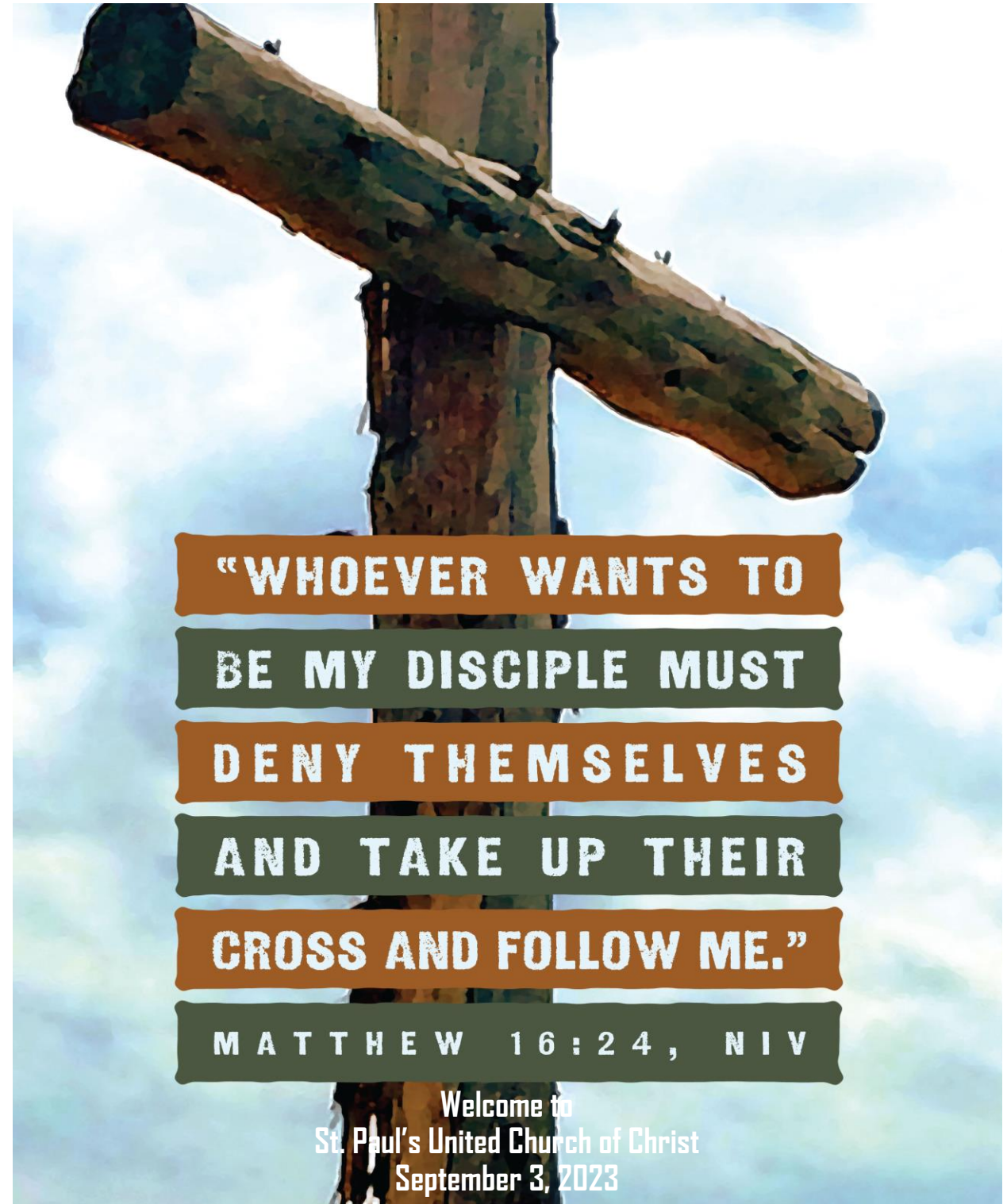
Church Calendar

- Sunday: 9 am 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](#)
- Monday: Office Closed - Happy Labor Day
- Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
- Thursday: 5-8 pm [1st Thursday](#)
5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Saturday: 5 pm [Young Adult Night Out](#)
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“WHOEVER WANTS TO

BE MY DISCIPLE MUST

DENY THEMSELVES

AND TAKE UP THEIR

CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.”

MATTHEW 16:24, NIV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
September 3, 2023

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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

♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" - Mansfield
Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)

♦ **Hymn #327** ["The Old Rugged Cross"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: God, you are generous in love, huge in mercy. Wash away my guilt. You are the One I have wronged. All my sin is before you. Make a fresh start with me. Bring me back from my night. May Christ always be my light. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

Special Music

"There Will Be Showers of Blessing" by McGranahan Soloist-John Degler
[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#) / ♦ [St. Matthew 16:21-28](#)

Reading of Scripture

Song

["The Table"](#) - Tomlin/Cash/Jolley
[Romans 12:9-21](#)

♦ **Confession of Faith**

P: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sermon

["Three Things"](#) (Celebrate Insert)
- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

See Insert

♦ **Hymn #342**

["Rock of Ages"](#)

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude**

"An Affirmation of Faith" - 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!

Office Closed for Holiday

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 717.665.2447 and leave a message – your call will be returned shortly.

Bible Study for Fall

A new Bible Study will begin this 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!

Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Mission Team. In the past our team has served at Deep Root's Clairvaux Farm in Earleville, MD and by helping out with the Manheim Project. Please support these mission endeavors by using your September special envelope.

Prayers of the People

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

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray for: Remind us God, that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us O God. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Amen.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OUT

Saturday, Sept 9th: 5-7pm

Parents drop off your kids at St. Paul's UCC by 5pm and travel together to the Herman House for a bonfire dinner and yard games.

FREE babysitting provided- call 717-665-2447 to RSVP by Tuesday, Sept 5th to be sure we have enough babysitting volunteers on hand.

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. Amen.

Hymn #485

["Into My Heart"](#)

(2x)

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.



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.



Sermon Notes:

Three Things:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Three S's:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Confirmants' Response:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Our Call or Mission:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____