

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

With Pastor Ryan Oswald
10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 9:45am
Adults, youth, and children

MEETINGS

Trustees	Oct 9	6:00pm
Serve	Oct 21	6:00pm
EC	Oct 30	6:30pm



FROM PASTOR RYAN OSWALD

Dear Church Family,

October always brings a certain chill in the air—and with it, a season filled with pumpkins, costumes, and a cultural fascination with the spooky and the strange. The world around us talks a lot this month about ghosts, spirits, and things that go bump in the night.

But Scripture reminds us of something deeper: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12) In other words, what we see is not all there is.

That’s why I’m excited about our new sermon series this month called Supernatural. Over four weeks, we’ll open our eyes to the unseen spiritual world that Scripture speaks about so clearly.

We’ll explore:

- Spiritual Warfare – what it means to stand firm in the armor of God.
- The Holy Spirit – the power God gives us to live and love like Jesus.
- Satan and Demons – the reality of the enemy, and the greater reality of Christ’s victory.
- Angels – how God’s messengers remind us that heaven is closer than we think.

My goal isn’t to frighten anyone, but to encourage us all. Because while the Bible is clear about the reality of spiritual battles, it is even clearer about this: we do not fight alone. God has equipped us, empowered us, and surrounded us with His presence.

So as the leaves fall and the nights grow longer, I invite you to lean into this truth with me: the unseen world is real—but so is our God. And greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

See you Sunday,
Ryan

"The Holy Spirit gives you the power to live a holy life."



Family Harvest Party

We invite you to our first Family Harvest Party!

Free and open to the community!

Drop in anytime between **1:00-3:00pm on Saturday, October 25th** in the FLC.

There will be carnival games, face painting, hay rides, a photo station, candy, a cake walk, and apple bobbing!

This event is for the whole family, and perfect for children ages toddler through 5th grade. Wear your Halloween costumes!

Family Harvest Party Help

Donations of candy for the Family Harvest Party are needed! If you are willing to donate candy for this event, please place it in the marked tub in the narthex. In addition, if you would like to help at the event by running a game and handing out candy, please call or text Chris Lyle at (540) 290-2858 or email lyle.chris@gmail.com.

Weekly Devotional and Sermons

Our weekly devotional and sermon text from Pastor Ryan is available on our church website.

This is a great opportunity to reflect on the message throughout the week, revisit key scriptures and points, and grow closer to the Lord. [Click here to view.](#)



Coffee with Jesus: Small Group

Join us for Coffee with Jesus, a new devotional and fellowship group, meeting once a month on Saturdays at 9:00am in the Coffee Area. We'll enjoy coffee, light breakfast items (donuts, muffins, and bagels), a time of devotion, prayer requests, prayer, and fellowship. Come be refreshed and encouraged as we grow together in faith! Next meeting: **October 4th**



BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Mondays 6:30pm

Led by Chad Brown

Digest the Message Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:15pm

Led by Sam Brensinger

Healing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -OR-

Thursdays 11:00am

Led by Pastor Ryan

Co-Parenting with God

Wednesdays 6:15pm

Led by Mary Katherine Graham

SMALL GROUP

Complexity of Creation

Thursdays 6:30pm

Led by Brian Stout

LIBRARY HOURS

Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am

Sundays: 9:30 - 10:00am,
11:00 - 11:30am

MOWING SCHEDULE

ZERO TURN

Oct 6: Abbott Graham

Oct 13: Bryan Lyle

Oct 20: Bill Jones

Oct 27: Bo Flint

RIDING MOWER

Oct 6: Ray Norcross

Oct 13: Doug Harris

Oct 20: Robert Walters

Oct 27: Burk Hershey

Dinner and Discipleship

Dinner and Discipleship continues on Wednesday nights!

We invite you to join us for dinner, Bible Study, and activities for youth, children, and nursery.

Adult meals: \$8

Children 7-12: \$4

Children under 6: Free

Meals for pick-up: 5:00 - 6:00pm, Dine in: 5:30pm



Prayerful Hearts Fellowship



The Prayerful Hearts Fellowship Group meets **Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm** in St. Paul's Chapel. This fellowship is open to all and anyone needing prayer. We will be praying for the specific needs of St. Paul's, but also for any needs asked to be remembered in prayer.

Fall Plant Exchange



On **October 11th from 9:00am-12:00pm**, we're hosting our first Fall Plant Exchange and Giveaway! Bring plants from your garden to share, seeds, bulbs, or clippings—or simply come and pick up something new to take home. It's a wonderful way to enjoy God's creation, connect with others, and add fresh life to your yard or home.

We're excited to share that our Ladies' Group will be starting back up after the New Year! Join us for fellowship and encouragement on Thursdays during the day — watch the calendar for details.

PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Helen Caldwell, Ray Pitsenbarger, Warren Grant, Janet Grant, Jerry Sheffer, Emily Harlow, Frank Marks, Luther Ramsey, Gene Halterman, Gaynelle Null, Patsy Dillon, John Koch, Michele Miller, James Neff, Pam Hall, Meghan Earls, Whitney Maupin, Roger Aldhizer, Wanda Houser, Cheryl Bennett, Parmer Bradley, Joan Bradley, Lisa King, Robert Walters, Tom Wenner, Kyle Cash, Tammy Irvine, Courtney Houser, Tracy Hibbitts, JoAnn Eldred

KROGER

Kroger has awarded St. Paul's Church with another quarterly dividend check .

Thank you to the 40 households who made this possible by shopping at Kroger between June 1 - August 31, 2025 and applied their Kroger Rewards Card.

This brings the total St. Paul's has received to-date to \$10,225.72.

To sign up, go to krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll. The organization number for St. Paul's is PG629. If you need help, please see Lou Phelps.





Church Work Day

On **Saturday, October 25th** we will be holding a fall church work day from **9:00am - 12:00pm**. We will be trimming shrubbery, cleaning debris, and preparing the church grounds for fall.

For more information or questions, please contact Tim Austin.

GREETERS

Oct 5: Bo and Mary Flint

Oct 12: Nancy Marshall and Sam Brensinger

Oct 19: Wade and Tora Woolfrey

Oct 26: Amanda Minter and Courtney Houser

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair

Join us for our Fall Craft and Vendor Fair on **Saturday, November 8th** from **10:00am - 3:00pm**.

We'll be hosting local vendors, a bake sale, and a BBQ lunch for purchase!

Come and support local artisans in our community, and shop early for Christmas!

\$10 BBQ LUNCH: BBQ PORK, COLESLAW, CHIPS, AND A DRINK



LITURGIST

Oct 5: Hayden Mick

Oct 12: Mary Flint

Oct 19: Youth

Oct 26: Jennifer Strother

Nursery Volunteer
Oct 19: Courtney Knight



Annual Bake Sale

Calling All Bakers!

It's time for St. Paul's Annual Bake Sale, and we need your help to make it a sweet success! Sign-up sheets for contributions will be available in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, October 5th**. The Bake Sale will be held during the **Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 8th**, and **Sunday, November 9th**, before and after church services. We welcome all your homemade favorites—cookies, pies, cakes, breads, and more! Baked goods may be dropped off on **Friday, November 7th** (times will be posted). Every contribution helps support this cherished tradition, so dust off your mixing bowls and join us in sharing love and fellowship through baking!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is Back!

The amazing journey of a shoebox begins with YOU! By filling a shoebox with simple gifts, you'll help share Christ's love with children in need around the world—blessing them with both joy and the message of the Gospel.

Shoeboxes will be available after worship beginning **Sunday, October 19th** and must be returned by **Sunday, November 16th**. Filled boxes may be placed under the cross in the sanctuary.

For more details, please contact Mary Flint.

Let's join together to make an eternal impact—one shoebox at a time!



DONATIONS

Valley Mission:

Olive oil, ketchup, salad dressing, silverware

Marquis Memorial UMC Food Pantry:

Canned vegetables and canned meat

Thank You Notes

To my church family, We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayer, visits, food, and family luncheon by the church at the loss of our dear Lee Brooks. We'd also like to thank Russell Heinrich for performing his service. Your support and prayers at this difficult time has been very much appreciated. - Betty Bartley

To my St. Paul's Church Family, I have been so very blessed by you during my journey with Autoimmune Hepatitis for the last year and a half. Your prayers, support, cards, and flowers have meant so much to me throughout this journey and the deaths of my parents last year. Thank you to Diana Hostetter for bringing the recent beautiful church bouquet to me. Thank you to Pastor Ryan for the wonderful "Healing Service" he held at church. I feel I am now on my way to better health and my recent left knee Meniscus tear is healing with Physical Therapy. I am ready to finally come off the long term prayer list. The power of prayer is amazing, and God is so awesome! God bless you all!

With deep appreciation, Sharon Hirtriter



Thank you, St. Paul's! The 10,152 meals you packaged on July 19 with Rise Against Hunger are now being shipped to Vietnam.

"To address some of the challenges community members in Vietnam face to provide nutritious food for their families, Rise Against Hunger partners with organizations serving meals to children at schools and early child development centers. This is a key part of Rise Against Hunger's Nourishing Lives pathway. In some cases the food children receive at school will be the majority of the food they eat in a day. Rise Against Hunger also supports these programs by providing grants that encourage the incorporation of additional foods to create nutritionally diverse meals for the children. The meals you packaged will help ensure these children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives, while also creating opportunities to receive an education that will serve them for years to come."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

1 Marilyn McGonigal
3 John Cline, Alex Caldwell, Jr.
4 Angela Smith
6 Huck Crabtree
8 Cindy Stuart
12 Kerri Fitzgerald
13 Gloria Sams
16 Michael Austin, Franklin Marks, Jr., Missy Huffer
17 Morgan Lyle
18 Bobby Woodfin III
21 Rob Woodfin, II
23 Clarence Forsyth, Jr.
25 Tamara Ambler
26 Kristin Shreckhise, Marcie Johnson
29 Juanita May

Anniversaries

3 Lou and Pattie Phelps
8 Linda and Burk Hershey

November

1 Jonah Corbin, Patsy Dillon
2 Margie Strickler
5 David Eagle
6 Abby Ludwig
11 Bill Jones, Judy Marks
12 Betty Wine
14 Doris Hayes
17 Joann Reid
20 Jason Melton
23 Randy Kiser
24 Marina Clarke
25 Joe DiMeo
27 Pat Trippel
28 Ray Pitsenbarger, Alan Westmoreland
29 Linda Earhart
30 Clinton Cline, Wayne Corbin

Anniversaries

5 Jim and Linda Taliaferro
16 Eric and Sarah Blackwell
22 Gene & Sandra Halterman
25 Jack and Linda Earhart

