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Up Coming Events at St. Paul's

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Do you sing along to the radio? Put those talents to good use, praising God in worship by joining the chancel choir! The chancel choir is open to anyone ages eighth grade through adult.

Practices are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Our first Sunday in the choir loft will be Sept. 13th. If you'd like to join, just start showing up! Children & Youth Choir

will start practicing Sept. 13 at 9:00 am in the church sanctuary. Children ages 3 yrs old thru 7th grade are welcome.

Thanks to all the beautiful voices and instruments that contributed to our Worship services this summer.

Braelyn & Carissa Harter
Carol Carr
Kaylie Brown
Ashton Salazar
Harlee Salazar
Genevieve Repp
Erin McGee
Dan Stuckey
Kelly Michael
Sophia Salazar
VBS Children



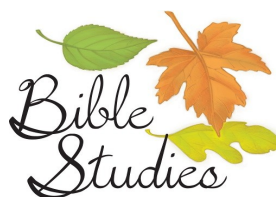
Ladies Cherished Bible Study

Our Bible/book study is ready to go. We will study the book "God Does His Best Work with Empty", by Nancy Guthrie.

When God looks into our empty places, he sees his greatest opportunity.

Women of all ages are welcome to join in our 8 week journey. The study will be 9/27- 11/19 with a Face-to-Face group meeting on Thursday evenings and/or a daily FaceBook group. Please let one of us know if you are interested in joining us in this journey, as we will need to order books in advance.

Kathi Bauer, Jan Kline, Gail Widmer, or Marcy Ruble



2 THESSALONIANS 1:2

Grace to you
and peace
from God
our Father
and the Lord
Jesus Christ.



Ponderings of a Pastor...

As I sit to write to you, I have just returned from the Allegheny West Annual Conference. The conference was truly a place of worship and prayer. Though the focus was on missions, God was speaking to me about prayer.

Prayer is a powerful tool in our spiritual "toolbox." It is one of those gifts God has given to us. Prayer, simply speaking, is us talking to and hearing from God. It is us speaking of our joys, fears, concerns, worries, and dreams. It is also a powerful weapon against the evil forces in the world around us.

One evil that is in our world today are the many false beliefs of God. Some believe that God does not exist. Some believe that there are many "roads" to God. Some believe that God is evil in that He allows and sometimes even does evil things. Some believe other false things about God such as what is and what is not good.

In this article I want us to look at prayer as a weapon against Satan's schemes in this world and his drawing people away from God, even those of the church body. To use us to meet the needs of those around us. And the primary need that I see is being prayer warriors that will stand-in-the-gap between unbelief and

proper belief in God. I believe that if we will pray, if we will seek God to move in our church and in our community, to bring about a true revival, within ourselves and in our community. I believe God will move. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (CSB) "...and my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

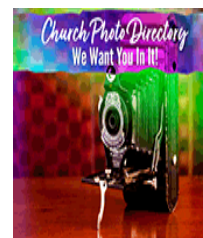
I encourage; in fact, I implore you to pray for God to work in our lives first and foremost. I honestly believe that if we do this, God will heal our lives, God will strengthen us and our church and will bless our church in many ways. If you do not know how to begin, let me suggest a prayer. "God my Father, I ask and give You permission to move in my life. That You will forgive me of sins that I have committed or things that I did not do but should have done. Move in my life, change the things in me that draw me away from You. Help me to truly seek You and turn my heart fully back to You. Help Your church to turn our collective hearts to You, use us to do Your will. Let us be a people who genuinely love You with all our hearts, minds, and souls. In Jesus' Holy Name I pray, AMEN."

Pray daily for the above to happen in you and in our church.

I believe that if we will focus on prayer for God's will for us and for His church, that God will move. God will move us into a closer walk with Him and His mission for our lives and our church.

Pastor Kevin Doseck

Pastor Kevin



It's time to update our "Pictorial Directory"

We are asking for

the St. Paul's church family to submit an updated digital format of your family/individual picture. If you have not submitted one in past years, or would like to update the picture, we will accept one at any time. Send to us by e-mail to the church

shemah402@gmail.com

If you are unable to provide this, we will also accept hard copies and we will format for you. Let us know if you'd like to have a more current picture taken, here at the church, and we will assist you the best way we can.

Questions may be directed to the church office.

We are thanking you in advance for your submissions.



Children's Sunday School will continue and the

Youth Sunday school start up again on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Let's pray for the growth of our children, youth, teachers, and the class attendance as they realize God's love for them.

Children & Youth Choir will begin on Sunday Sept. 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Open to 3 yrs old-7th grade.



Youth Group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm at St. Paul's, Youth Group is for youth ages 5th grade-12th grade. Friends are also welcome to attend. Stay tuned for further details of activities in our bulletins.

ACOLYTES



Anyone in the 4th grade or older interested in serving as our

acolyte for Sunday services is asked to contact Pastor Kevin, Carol Carr, or the church office.

Thank you to our current acolytes who dedicate themselves to this service at St. Paul's.

Alee Klender
Abigail Luke
Cavan McGee
Amelia Repp



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive

We have already begun our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection.

Through Samaritan's Purse, these gift filled shoeboxes are delivered to children in need around the world — including here in the United States. Each child receives a Gospel booklet in their own language and is invited to hear the message of Jesus in a way they can understand.

Last year our church family packed 152 shoeboxes, surpassing our goal by 22.

This year, we are praying toward a new goal of 180 shoeboxes.

Collection boxes are already set out, and you may begin bringing items whenever you are ready.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Filling a shoebox is a simple, meaningful way for us to help children around the world experience the love of Christ and hear the good news of the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing the love of Jesus.

Beth Dye and Pastor Kevin



Grandparents Day September 13th

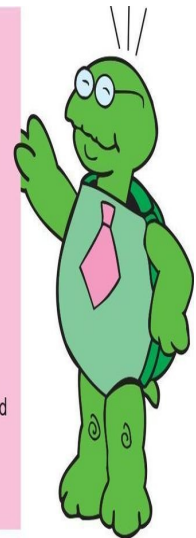
Grandparents Poem

From the hair on their heads
To the toes on their feet,
My grandparents are
Really, really neat!

They call me sweetie pie.
They call me cuddle bug.
And the thing they like most
Is a kiss and a hug!

They might read me a book.
They might make me a snack.
They like to say, "I love you," and
They like to hear it back!

(All shout, "I love you!")



We extend our congratulations to Steve & Kathi Bauer upon the birth of their newest grandson. Camden Jaber Bauer was born on July 12, 2026 to Brad & Maggie Bauer. The family currently resides in Cincinnati.



MISSION CORNER

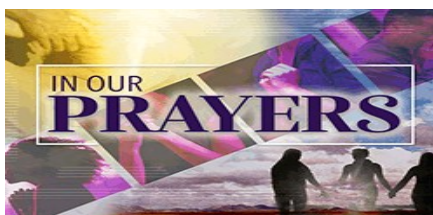
Thank you to everyone who donated to our CPC

baby shower. Diapers, baby bottles, pacifiers, receiving blankets, baby comb and brush, onesies & other clothing items, burp clothes, baby shampoo & oil, & financial gifts were just some of the gifts provided.

Our Vacation Bible School program collected \$400.35 for their mission offering. The Church Missions committee has matched that and a check for \$800.70 has been sent to Feeding America/local Toledo distribution. Along with several lbs of actual food item donations were made which were given to Montpelier's Helping Hands pantry. Great Job VBS!!!

The month of September a needs drive for the "Helping Hands" food pantry here in Montpelier, is being sponsored by the Missions/Outreach Committee.

We are asking the congregation to donate cleaning products, laundry soap, boxed foods (potatoes, rice, cereal) **really need canned meat**, egg noodles (no pasta or spaghetti needed), Knorr sides, Hamburger Helper, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salt & pepper. This will assist in reaching out to struggling families in our community. We appreciate all the support of these outreach ministries from the St. Paul's Church Family.



Homebound= Mary Knepper, Dave Allman, Cheryle Gallagher, Jim Brace, Dianna Blank, Sandy Knapp, Stephanie Beckman, Elnor Geren, Pat Collins, Helen Van Zile, Carol Doseck, Cindy King, Norma Snyder

Health & Healing=Verlene Drohan, Jeff Deetz, Taya Beck, Randy Fisher, George Bible, Ray Davis, Bruce Tumblin, Peggy Apt, Dee Heller, Rachael Baker-Christophel, Kelly Michael, Vicki Schelling, Jai Lynn Price, Kayleigh Hicks, Paul Ledyard, Roz Kline, Laura Dulle, Sharon Rice, John Widmer, Dr. Lindsey Bradbee, Brad Martin

Encouragement & Support: Earl Geren, Brian Ocen, Pastor Kevin, The Brokenhearted

Local & World Concerns: Christian Missionaries, The Unemployed, Unspoken Prayers, Veterans & Military Personnel, The Nation of Israel, Victims of Violent Crimes & Natural Disasters, Our Community, State, Nation & World



Two weekly Bible Studies available

St. Paul's weekly Bible studies will begin again in October. Monday's at 2 p.m. starting October 5th.

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning October 7th. We will meet in the Robison Room.

Both studies will continue to progress through the books of the Bible.

Feel free to invite others on this journey of Bible Study.



Year 3 at St. Paul's Church.

Our church trustees recently approved to host the Life-Wise Academy to conduct their

classroom lessons at St. Paul's for the school year of 2026-2027. This will be at no charge to LifeWise. The trustees feels this is a powerful outreach to the community and a wise investment for teaching Biblical studies to the children of our school district. Montpelier students grades 1-6 will have classrooms and lessons to be conducted in our fellowship halls and Robison Room.



- 2 Patty Ledyard
Brittney Lenz
- 4 Jan Sundberg
Sophia Salazar
- 5 Carol Carr
- 7 Bria Friend
- 11 Ron Stoy
Declan Repp
Brielle Imber
- 14 Elaine Boland
Cindy Clark
- 15 Robert Deck
Monica Sommer
Rickalene Chamberlain
- 19 Dan Stuckey
Braelyn Harter
- 20 Taitym Thomas
- 21 Rory Hartman
Rowan Michael
Harlee Salazar
Olivia Birdsall
- 23 Jan Kline
Andrea Bumb
Allison Luke
- 24 Roz Kline
- 25 Ryan Ruble
- 27 Jeremy Clinger
Stephanie Friend
- 29 Jaret Dye



We have a special birthday this month. Let's shower her with cards.

September 14th:
Elaine Boland (92)
11926 Co Rd 15
Montpelier OH 43543



8 Tom & Jan Kline (18)
13 Kevin & Carol Doseck (45)
24 Chase & Tiffany Thomas (15)
Joshua & Abby Imber (10)
29 Ric & Barb Echler (48)
30 John & Beth Dye (31)

ATTENTION COLLEGE PARENTS:

Please let the church office know the address of your college students. We really want to keep in touch with them during the school year.



Church Mouse says...

(Church Mouse is here to offer a shout out to someone whose service or blessing you want to recognize.)

- ♦ VBS leadership volunteers and attendees.
- ♦ Teachers who have volunteered to share the love of Jesus to the children, youth, & adults during Sunday School.
- ♦ Those who offered themselves to serve in any capacity during the Bean Days festival.
- ♦ LifeWise teachers & volunteers
- ♦ St. Paul's Sound Techs, Videographers & Power point slide coordinators
- ♦ All the youth who were involved in summer park and Wms. County fair activities



Highlights from VBS “Rainforest Falls”



2026 Allegheny West Annual Conference report



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Conference, Allegheny West, held their annual conference June 24-27, 2026, at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University campus, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Doseck who represented our church. Unfortunately, our lay delegates

were not able to attend because of last-minute health concerns.

Within our conference we are divided into what are called circuits, which includes up to 25 charges. Our circuit is called the Toledo Circuit with Rev. Joel Schutte as our Presiding

Elder. Our circuit has a total of 18 charges, which total 22 individual churches. Each day of the conference opened and closed with a worship service, and a Bible study.

On Wednesday, there was a meeting for all the clergy to vote and approve for those being ordained either deacon or elder, we had 31 deacons and 11 elders ordained during the conference. There was also a laity meeting where they heard of the events that were held specifically for laity, as well as the announcement for the upcoming training for laity for 2026/2027.

On Thursday, there was a memorial service for those who have passed, both clergy and laity since the last Annual Conference. A time to hear from our new sister conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A time to pray for this conference since there is a breakout of the Ebola virus in this republic. And a time to recognize all retirees since last annual conference, which included a total of 27 clergy totaling approximately one-thousand three-hundred years of service. We also were able to recognize the twenty Certified Lay Ministers (CLM) who completed the required courses for the CLM program. This program trains laity to be better equipped for ministry within the local church. It is also the beginning process for those who are contemplating becoming clergy within the denomination.

On Friday we learned of the several new church starts within our conference, approval of the budget, and the ordination service. There was a report from all the conference committees on the activities during the past year, as well as a report from the Bishop, Rev. Mark Webb, on the activities of the Global Methodist Church.

On Saturday we voted on the nomination list for those who will serve on conference committees, report of appointments of clergy, dates, and location of the 2027 Annual conference.

The 2027 Allegheny West Annual Conference will be June 23-26, 2027, at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted by
Pastor Kevin Doseck



CHILDREN'S TIME LEADER

13 Markie Repp
20 Pastor Kevin
27 Beth Reimund

GREETERS

6 Kathy Gleason (N)
Sandy Humbarger (S)
13 Gerry Newbauer (N)
Ruth Trott (S)
20 Armeda Sawmiller (N)
Lynn Watson (S)
27 Shelley Repp (N)
Greg Repp (S)

ALTAR FLOWERS

6 open
13 Doseck
20 open
27 open

NURSERY CARE

The nursery is open every Sundays during the worship service.

ACOLYTE

6 Alee Klender
13 Amelia Repp
20 Cavan McGee
27 Abigail Luke

SOUND TECHS

6 Anthony Salazar
9/13 Ashton Salazar
16/20 Genevieve Repp
23/27 Anthony Salazar

LEAD USHER

6 Ric Echler
13 Dail Fritsch
20 Brian Fritsch
27 Matt Dye

SPECIAL MUSIC

6 Ashton Salazar

LITURGIST

6 Ric Michael
13 Declan Repp
20 Jeremy Clinger
27 Darrin Repp

COMMUNION STEWARD

6 Joyce Schelling



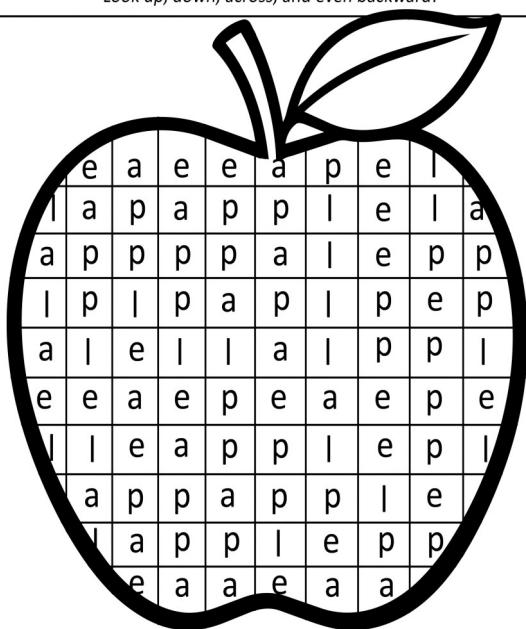
See you at the
2026
Williams
County
Fair
September
12th-19th



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

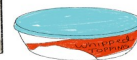
Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: (John 21:17)





NOMINATIONS

St. Paul's Nomination Committee will soon be formulating new committee members and chairs for "2027". If there is a certain area of the churches functioning committees you feel God is leading you towards please feel free to let Pastor Kevin, Ric Michael or the church office know.

We look forward to working together as we continue
To Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Send Disciples for Jesus Christ

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

Our ministry in Jesus' name is possible because of your generous gifts!

SUNDAY STATISTICS

Date	10:30 Worship	General Fund	Missions & More	Online Video Viewers
06-29-26	81	\$3258.00	\$1216.00	4
07-05-26	70	\$4580.00	\$136.00	3
07-12-26	76	\$3236.00	\$332.00	8
07-19-26	62	\$2593.00	\$28.00	3
07-26-26	83	\$2455.00	\$490.35	3
08-02-26	80	\$4837.21	\$ 80.00	3
08-9-26	90	\$2953.00	\$533.00	4
08-16-26	75	\$2256.00	\$6773.00	n/a
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