



AUGUST

Worship Leaders

August 2 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

August 9 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

August 16 - Craig Bielke

August 23 - Craig Bielke

August 30 - Craig Bielke

Weekly Offerings	7/25/2026
Operating	\$ 3,195.00
Building Fund	\$ 330.00
	\$ 3,525.00
Giving YTD	\$ 232,905.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 202,246.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

July 19, 2026	80	+ Online Participants
July 20, 2025	81	+ Online Participants

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann

Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Paul Sutherland

Our Pastor Search Committee
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Staci Atwood, daughter
of Judy Saeger
Stephen Agnew, son of
Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

August

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

August 2 - Bruce & Pam Elser

August 9 - Al Scharf

August 16 - Linda & Carol Speichinger

August 23 - Mona Scheibel

August 30 - Donna Davis

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A COFFEE HOUR HOST !

It takes about 15-20 min to set up. Our guests arrive about 10:00.

Better to have their coffee ready at that time.

Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner.

~Printed instructions & Assistance are always available.



Contact the office or Donna D. to sign up!



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Welcome

Sunday, August 2, 2026 ~ 9am
10th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor **Rev. Joan H. Mier**
Director of Music **Dr. Tristan Frampton**
Organist **Cynthia Johnson**
Liturgist **Mimi Llamas**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Elevation
by Théodore Dubois

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to be in the presence of the One who can nourish us, replenishing our spirits.

People: We are hungry for the Word of God, this day! Let us open ourselves to receive all that the Lord can offer to us.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate to those who are spiritually famished. He seeks to fill us with all good things that can refresh us, restore us, and give us strength.

People: Let us recognize how blessed we are to have a Savior who gives to us so freely, caring about our every need.

ALL: As we offer our worship and praise to such a great caregiver of our souls, let us feel the Spirit working within us and around us, divinely feeding us for this new day. Amen.

*INVOCATION

Spirit of the Living God, you are the one who nourishes our spirits and gives us the ability to open our eyes to see more clearly in sacred space the grace bestowed by our beloved Savior. Gathered here, we experience a renewed strength for our faith-walk. Receive our praise, O blessed Lord, for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

Please join the Mission Team TODAY during Coffee Hour as we wrap boxes for our mission project.



(Mission: To create a fun and memorable birthday experience for children in homeless and domestic violence shelters.)

August 9, Pampered Chef consultant Sherri, will be taking orders for the fundraiser to benefit Community Interfaith Food Pantry. Catalogs are available in Heritage Hall if you would like to shop! The catalogs have other information available. Online orders are also offered.

St. Paul Friends Fundraiser at Scharf Farm! Saturday, August 15th from 6-10pm

\$20 per person for all who attend!
(all to benefit mission projects of St. Paul UCC)

WHAT TO BRING:

Your friends - the more the merrier!

Your favorite hors d'oeuvre/snack to share!

Your lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite beverage!

Music by:
Jillian & Chris
Ritter

Contact Sandy Ritter if you
have any questions!
618-222-1123



PASS IT ON

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2 What a won-drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
 3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
 the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;
 on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it;
 that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it;
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know:

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
 you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser (1934-)

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OPENING HYMN

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

noth - ing else can do.
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

Handwritten musical score for a hymn. The title is "glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love." The music is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, G, G/B, C, G/D, D7, G/D, G. The words "WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey (1834-1911)" and "MUSIC: William G. Fischer (1835-1912)" are written below the bass staff. The word "HANKEY" is written below the treble staff.

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Have you ever felt famished—so hungry that you felt weak? I think many of us can understand that feeling, but what about that empty feeling we feel in our souls? Sin can certainly deplete our spirits, leaving us feeling empty. How awesome it is that we have a Lord who wants us to come to him when we feel so depleted. Now, we have the opportunity to come before him, to share what depletes us and let him fill us with the spirit of forgiveness, to refresh and renew our souls. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

Feel nourished, beloved of Christ, and feel strengthened. For the Lord our God has offered the blessing of forgiveness upon us to refresh and renew our souls. Thanks be to our God who sends such a Spirit of grace to be bestowed upon us. **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Semplice
by Chip Davis
Janie Bloomer, soloist

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:1-5	Mimi Llamas
Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	Mimi Llamas
Matthew 14:13-21	Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON

Act of Compassion	Rev. Joan H. Mier
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We are called to be people of great compassion; Jesus has certainly “set the bar” for us in the ways that we are called to extend ourselves through our love gifts and acts of service. As he nourishes us, let us be willing to nourish others with the gifts that we give this day. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Salutaris Hostia (O Saving Victim)
by Alessandro Scarlatti

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: Old Hundred)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

Thank you God, for the multiple ways that you extend your grace to us. We pray that we have learned from your Son Jesus Christ how to truly be people of compassion, to feed the hungry, to care for the sick, and to nourish the weary souls of this earth. We pray that these gifts will be blessed and used rightly for the ministry of Jesus Christ. May it be so in His holy name. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (See insert)

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Pass It On</i>	(see page 6)
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***COMMISSIONING**

Go forth brothers and sisters, remember how this Christian family is called to care for all people, to live out the acts of Christ in the world today. Be people of great compassion, heal the sick, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weariest of souls. Let it be so in Jesus’ name. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

As you go forth following the footsteps of Jesus, feel his Spirit ever close to you, guiding you, blessing you, and most of all loving you beyond measure. Let it be so. Amen

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D
by Flor Peeters

