

# STPAULNOW

May 2026

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## PENTECOST



*I will give you a new heart,  
and a new spirit I will put within you.*

—Ezekiel 36:26

from Pr. Steve

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### Listen to what Jesus says about the gift of the Holy Spirit

*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.* (John 14:16-17)

*The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.* (John 14:26)

*When [the Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.* (John 16:8-11)

Does this sound like a gift you need; like something the world needs today?

A great many of us who call ourselves Christians are dreadfully ignorant of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. But this gift from our Heavenly Father is what makes God's love and grace a living reality in our lives. The season of Pentecost is traditionally the part of the Church Year in which we learn more about the Spirit and his work in the Church, and in the world. That season begins on May 24 this year. My messages leading up to Pentecost Sunday will focus on who the Spirit is and what he does. God grant that we may grow in the Holy Spirit together in these days.

### Handicap parking spaces on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

We have received a complaint from a neighbor that cars parked head-in are extending too far into the traffic lane. If you park in the handicap spaces on 3rd Street, please parallel park rather than parking head-in.

**Men's Bible Study** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, in the fellowship room. We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes.

**Women's Bible Study** will resume in September. Watch for announcements soon.

Worship Services are streamed live Sundays at 10:00 AM; videos are posted at [stpaulnow.org](http://stpaulnow.org) and on Facebook Sunday afternoon.

### Mother's Day, May 10

We will invite women who are mothers to come to the altar for anointing with oil (symbolizing the Holy Spirit) and a prayer asking God to strengthen you as you fill this important role in your family. The invitation also includes women who are expectant mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, or stepmothers.



### Quilts for Honor Flight at Home



**The Lord's Stitches** created five patriotic quilts for Honor Flight at Home in Marion, which recognizes and honors veterans who served active duty from 1942 to 1975 and cannot travel to Washington to visit memorials which honor their service. Thank you to all the Stitches!

### May Birthdays

3 Nancy Hale	13 Kim Fergus	25 Jack Moore
4 Nate Leland	Eleanor Roberts	26 Avrian Babb
4 Tony Baer	14 Isabelle Smith	Melissa Kidwell
6 Esther Yake	19 Kyle Landon	27 Emilee McCabe
7 Cyle Gilkerson	20 Kelley Ebert	28 Abby Watson
Jay Haycook	Aislinn McLaughlin	29 Eli Bulkowski
9 Sue Mermann	23 Bailey Stakey	30 Tito Cruz
Melissa Radel	25 Gerrie McDonald	Bob Kidman

Please let us know if we missed anyone.

## April Council meeting

Regular meeting, April 14, 6:30 PM

Present: Howard Radel (Vice Chairman), Mark Niendam (Vice Chairman), Sondra Carey (Secretary), Marie Christiano (Treasurer); Thomas Bathke, Steve Kirk, Terri Roberts, Pr. Steve Dennis.

Council took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the March meeting and the Treasurer's report for March, and received the pastor's report for February and March.
- Received report from Mark on possible security camera systems. Report was tabled until our May meeting.
- Decided to replace lights over the front entrance to LED bulbs and keep them on dusk to dawn.
- Received report from Steve and Howard that one of our boilers has developed a hole in its casting and will need to be repaired or replaced. Seeking recommendations from two contractors.
- Discussed problem of parked cars on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street extending too far into traffic lane. Recommend changing to parallel parking.

## Treasurer's Report for March 2026

FUNDS	BALANCE 3/1/2026	INCOME March	EXPENSES March	BALANCE 3/31/2026
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,235.73</b>	<b>\$ 9,539.86</b>	<b>\$ 9,505.35</b>	<b>\$ 7,270.24</b>
<b>Committed Funds</b>				
Benevolence Fund	\$ 3,275.41	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	<b>\$ 3,325.41</b>
Richard Renz Fund	\$ 3,173.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	<b>\$ 3,173.46</b>
Funeral Fund	\$ 846.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	<b>\$ 846.30</b>
Christian Education Fund	\$ 364.06	\$ 130.00	\$ 24.93	<b>\$ 469.13</b>
Memorial Fund	\$12,821.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 31.20	<b>\$13,489.80</b>
Building Fund	\$10,284.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 0.00	<b>\$11,369.00</b>
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>	<b>\$30,764.23</b>	<b>\$ 1,965.00</b>	<b>\$ 56.13</b>	<b>\$32,673.10</b>
<b>Total Funds (General + Committed)</b>	<b>\$37,999.96</b>	<b>\$11,504.86</b>	<b>\$ 9,561.48</b>	<b>\$39,943.34</b>

*Memorial Fund, postage for thank you cards; Christian Ed, HisKids supplies*

## May Worship Service Assignments

May communion setup: Sue Mermann Assisting Servers: May 3, Derek Goodman; May 24, Dylan Goodman

Accompanists	Acolytes	Lectors	Prayer Leaders	Ushers
3 Kathy Hill	TBA	3 Charlene Pace	3 Charlene Pace	3 Tom Bathke, Dave Radiger
10 Emilee McCabe		10 Zach Martin	10 Sondra Carey	10 Warren Cargill, Jeff Radel
17 Emilee McCabe		17 Marlene Radel	17 Marlene Radel	17 Charlie Seitz, Howard Radel
24 Emilee McCabe		24 Donna Bathke	24 Donne Bathke	24 Jay Burns, Tom Bathke
31 Emilee McCabe		31 Dave Radiger	31 Lonnie Starkey	31 Warren Cargill, Dave Radiger

## Congratulations, 2026 HS Grads



William Hale  
Mount Gilead

We celebrate this important milestone in the lives of two of our young people.

William will enter an internship program at Ohio Health Hospital in Marion. Madison is heading to MarionTech to earn a degree in nursing. Each of these grads will receive a student study Bible from the church to help guide them in their next steps.



Madison Dornon  
Cardington

And we've been invited to their parties!

For William, May 31, 1:00 PM at Mount Gilead State Park, Shelter 1, 4353 OH-95, Mount Gilead. No RSVP needed.

For Madison, Open House on June 13, 4:00 PM, 2500 Township Road 143, Cardington. Please RSVP by June 1 to Brandy (419) 560-1039.

## Successful spring work day, April 25



Git'er done. That was the moto of the day. It wasn't a large group, but they jumped right into four tasks: 1) spread fresh mulch in all the flower beds, 2) wash windows, 3) thoroughly clean toys and equipment in the nursery, 4) clean efflorescing paint from a wall in one of our classrooms and apply sealant. Check, check, check, check.

Thank you to the work day team: Tom Bathke, Norma and Steve Dennis, Margie Landon, Zach and Julie Martin, Mark Niendam, Howard Radel, Jeff Radel, Natalie Radel, Dave Radiger, Terri Roberts, Rykar Simpson.



## Cardington Food Pantry

**Needs for May:** Box of Spaghetti, Crackers, Soup.

All months: cereal, flour, meals in a can (e.g., spaghetti, beef stew), soup, white and brown sugar, salt/pepper.

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**Community VBS** planning meeting 4:30 PM, Thursday, May 21, at Cardington Church of the Nazarene.