ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Fremont, Ohio

Eagle's Wings
September 2026

Loving Worshiping Learning Serving,
In the name of Christ.

As an avid reader, I have many favorite books, some of them going back a number of years. And many of them are religious in nature, including *The Episcopalian Way of Life,* subtitled *What it Means to Live and Worship as an Episcopalian.* The original publication of this book was 1957, when the membership of the church in the United States was 3.4 million baptized and active members. Today we have 1.39 million members and share a decline with other mainline churches. Much of it due to the rise of what I call non-denominational churches that preach the feel good prosperity Gospel. But in reading the above mentioned book, I feel that part of our decline has been our lack of stressing the importance of our heart of worship, the Holy Eucharist.

Now we here at St. Paul's are greatly blessed by Father Brian and his reverence of the significance of the Eucharist, because it's not only a central element in a Christian life and practice, it is the key element in any genuine way a Christian should live. In fact in the book it states that for many Episcopalians missing a Eucharist on Sundays is considered a mortal sin. No wonder our church was so filled during that era. It also states that for many Episcopalians that one cannot live Christianity without the empowerment that comes from reception of the Eucharistic food which is given to us by God to refresh our souls. We need to always remember that the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the heart of Christian devotion. We must never forget that Christianity means communion in Christ. Now since we already have established Morning Prayer as a part of our services on certain Sundays, I strongly encourage you to do a spiritual communion on that Sunday and day you can't be in attendance, and of course I hope that you will make it a daily part of your prayer life.

Blessed St. John Vianny, the Patron Saint of Priests, said, "A spiritual communion acts on the soul, as blowing does on a cinder-covered fire, which is about to go out. Whenever you feel your love of God growing cold, quickly make a spiritual communion." I truly believe that the churches decline in church membership is due to the love of God growing cold because many of us forget the importance of the Eucharist in their lives. Prayerfully offer up a spiritual communion and you will be doing the heart of Episcopal worship, the heart of Christian worship.

Peace, Br. Bill

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St. Paul's Community Meals

Join us!
St. Paul's Community Meal
Sept 27 from 5-6pm

The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to reconcile all people to unity with God and each other in Christ

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 offices closed	1 offices closed 6pm AA 7pm Al-Anon	2 offices closed 7pm AA	3 offices closed	4 offices closed	5 10am AA
6 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 7pm AA	7 **Labor Day** offices closed	8 6pm AA 7pm Al-Anon	9 7pm AA	10	11	12 10am AA
13 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 7pm AA	14	15 6pm AA 7pm Al-Anon	16 7pm AA	17	18	19 10am AA
20 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 11:30am Vestry 7pm AA	21	22 6pm AA 7pm Al-Anon Newsletter deadline	23 Lifeline Screening Day 7pm AA	24	25	26 10am AA
27 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 5pm Meal 7pm AA	28	29 6pm AA 7pm Al-Anon	30 7pm AA	1	2	3
4	5	Notes Notes 1st Sunday of the Month: Benevolence Sunday				

What's Happening in September

Sept 6 Benevolence Sunday
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour

Sept 7 Labor Day

Sept 13
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour

Sept 20
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:30am Vestry

Sept 22 Oct newsletter submission deadline

Sept 23 Lifeline Screenings

Sept 27
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
5pm Community Meal

Sundays at St. Paul's

Join us for Sunday Service at 10am
Br. Bill Young will be Anointing with Oil

Coffee Hour right after church

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your own article for the 1st page of the newsletter
Donate to the Hygiene Pantry
Provide Altar Flowers
Sunday Worship Ministries
Altar Guild, Crucifer, Intercessor (prayers)
Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector (readings)
Usher, Facebook live help
Donate Altar flowers

Susan Bergeman, Allison Brewer, Rita Bryan, Samantha Burgess, Fiona Burgess, Ruth Fanning, Jim Grayson, Linda Hamilton, Eunice & Jacob Hasselbach, Gloria Korman, Sonja Lee, Lizzy, Megan, Alice Miller, Betty Miller, Mary Lynne Moyers, Andy Rich, Jerry Ross, Denise Sanchez, Chyleen Scott, David Tolhurst, Mary Vandersluis, Sue Winter, T. J. Webster.

Prayers In the Diocese of Ohio

9/6/26 In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the staff and ministries of Bellwether Farm.

9/13/26 In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for Old Trinity Church, Tiffin, and All Saints Church, Toledo, and their surrounding communities.

9/20/26 In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Toledo, and St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, and their surrounding communities.

9/27/26 In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for those members of our diocese in seminary.

Ministry Schedule

	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Scripture	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Celebrant or Officiant/Preacher	Randy Speer/ Roger Hart	The Rev. Brian Bechtel	The Rev. Brian Bechtel	The Rev. Brian Bechtel
Anointing	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young
Altar Guild	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter
Coffee Hour	Open	Open	Open	Open
Crucifer	-	Randy Speer	Randy Speer	Dave Mehling
Flowers	In memory of Candy Young,William Robert Young, Katherine Mary Young, and Shelly's father,Wesley Wight-man Sr., Iva Wightman given by Bill & Shelly Young.	In honor of sister's birthday, Susan Bergeman, by Beth Hackenburg	Open	Open
Intercessor-prayers	Carolyn Speer	Pattee Kuzma	Bev Hart	Marcia Webster
Lay Eucharistic Minister	-	Dave Mehling	Tina Hasselbach	Randy Speer
Lector-readings	Dave Mehling	Marcia Webster	Roger Hart	Pattee Kuzma
Musician	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer
Usher	Randy Speer	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young

Thanks to...

Br. Bill Young for his cover article this month.

Parishioners and friends of the parish who donate altar flowers to enhance our Sunday worship. This month we thank ***Bill & Shelly Young, Beth Hackenburg.***

Randy Speer and Roger Hart *for leading our Morning Prayer Service.*

Bev Hart *who devotes her time to make Eucharistic visits to our shut ins.*

Brian Earhart *for his help with building maintenance.*

♥ Dave & Rhonda Mehling 9/10

Tiffany Vandersluis 9/2
Rhonda Mehling 9/3
George Bondor 9/6
Jamie Withem 9/14
Steve Goodhand 9/19
Dave Mehling 9/19
Robin Williams 9/21
Lauren Mulligan 9/29

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Sunday	AA	7 pm (B)
Tuesday	AA Al Anon	6pm (B) 7pm (N)
Wednesday	AA	7 pm (B)
Saturday	AA	10 am (B)
Key	B P N	Basement Parish Hall Nursery

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The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop, Diocese of Ohio

Vestry Members:
Randy Speer (27) Senior Warden, Roger Hart (28) Junior Warden
Stacy Adams (29) Clerk, Dave Mehling (28)
Darcy Young (29), Tina Hasselbach (27), Mary Vandersluis (28)

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