St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) January 5, 2020 ~ Epiphany Sunday

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel **Prelude** ~ Leigh Emmett

Procession of the Symbols of Worship and the Elements of Communion

Focus Moment ~ Hymn Writer: Thomas H. Troeger

Call to Worship (from Psalm 147) \sim *responsive* \sim Steve Boyak, liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Men: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Women: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

All: make melody to our God on the lyre.

*you are invited to stand as you are able

*Hymn ~ "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

*Psalm Prayer ~ in unison

We worship you, O God, builder, healer, counter of stars. We sing praise to you, O God, provider, delighter, protector of your people. You give us life and joy through your Son. By the power of your Spirit may we never stop rejoicing in you. Amen.

***Passing the Peace** \sim You are invited to greet one another with signs of peace.

Children's Message \sim All children are invited. At the conclusion, children ages 3 and above have the option to participate in supervised Sunday School.

Response ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.

Breathing Prayer

Anthem ~ "Glory to You in the Highest" (J. Myrin & M. Redman) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Gospel ~ Luke 2:8-14 ~ p. 58 N.T.

Finding our Heart's Song: #1

Message ~ "Giving God Glory!"

*Hymn ~ "As a Chalice Cast of Gold"

Commitment of Tithes and Offerings \sim If you are seated on the center aisle, please sign the friendship pad, include your email address, and pass it down the pew so that all have the opportunity to sign and learn the names of others.

Offertory

***Doxology** ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanks giving

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison 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.

Words of Institution

God's Love Demonstrated in Bread and Cup Note: round communion wafers that are gluten free, wheat free, corn free, soy free, and dairy free are available on the serving tray.

Prayer

*Hymn ~ "LookWho Gathers at Christ's Table!"

*Benediction

*Postlude

Upcoming calendar dates to note:

Sunday, January 12 - Ordination, Installation, and Recognition of Officers and Trustees

Sunday, January 19 - ROMANS 12:4

Monday, January 20 - Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ALL Annual Reports are due NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 21!!!

Sunday, February 2 - Annual Meeting of the Congregation



Results of the election at the congregational meeting on December 1 who will be ordained, installed, and recognized on January 12:

Ruling Elders- Class of 2022: Chery Nicholas, Suzanne Tabaka, Jeff Velis

Ruling Elder - Class of 2021: Mike Graham

Ruling Elder - Class of 2020: Jan Lapenta

Deacons - Class of 2022: Gary Pritchard and Mike Weber. One vacancy to be filled.

Deacon - Class of 2020: Karen Bright

Trustees - Class of 2022: Cameron Barsy, Allen Nicholas, Steve Smith

Foundation Trustee - Class of 2024: Rich Sherby



Our next **ROMANS** event will take place Sunday, January 19th following worship. We will be making necklaces to donate to the Deacons for BINGO prizes. This was a creative time of fellowship and service last year. The necklaces were so popular last year that the residents have been clamoring for more! We need lots of hands for this sit down, simple craft project! **Please mark your calendar, plan to join us, and sign up in the lobby!**

Adult Sunday Forums: The *Christian Century* class meets on Sundays at 9:00AM in room 9. Please consider stopping in to this engaging and relevant class addressing the church and our role in the world today. The class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name.

Prayer Gatherings to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take place at 6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings (generally on the first Tuesday of each month). (NOTE: No gatherings on the third Tuesday). All are encouraged to attend, especially anyone who is coming to meetings that night. We are praying through the directory as well as accepting prayer requests which can be left in Kathy Potter's mailbox or emailed to <u>christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church</u>. If you are unable to attend, consider setting aside this or another time to pray for your church family and ministries. **"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20.**



CARES of Farmington Hills has been selected by the Faith Formation Committee to be the recipient of our **2019 Giving Tree** collection! CARES of Farmington Hills serves Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford and other surrounding communities in a variety of ways. Their food and clothing pantry are open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. They offer, but do not receive funding for **toiletry items** and so are usually very short on these items. We are now collecting the following: **soap, shampoo, conditioner, baby shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, feminine sanitary supplies, small hand sanitizers, small boxes of band-aids, etc. Please consider making a donation. We will be accepting items through TODAY!!** Your generosity will bring a bit of **JOY** to someone in need and, most likely to **you,** too!

The **Pulpit Nominating Committee** thanks you for your patience and prayers as we seek to find St. Paul's next pastor. As this is a <u>confidential process</u>, we ask that you respect our privacy as the committee works through the

process. We understand you are anxious, however, we seek to maintain the integrity of this search. We will provide details once they are available to be shared with everyone. Thank you again for your patience.

St. Paul's Policy: If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a <u>weather</u>-<u>related reason</u>, St. Paul's is closed and <u>ALL</u> meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. <u>NO</u> exceptions. Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools website.



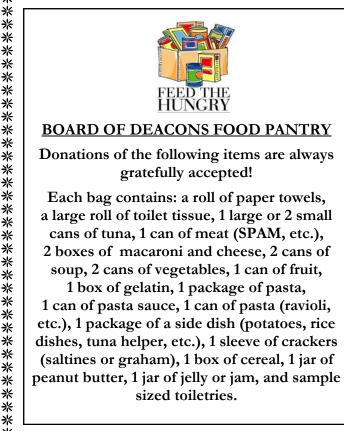
St. Paul's participates in the "2 cents per meal" Presbyterian Hunger Program. Each time we have a community meal, banks are placed on the

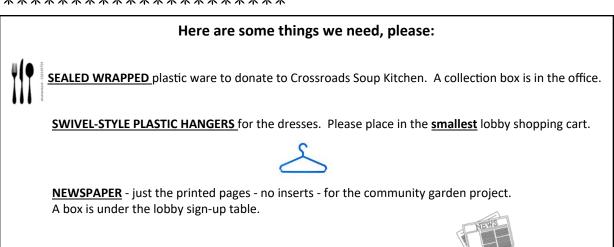
tables and all are encouraged to contribute. The money collected supports local hunger programs, including our own Food Pantry. If you would like to participate at home, please pick up a bank in the office.

This is an ongoing ministry, so if you fill a bank, you are always welcome to start a new one!

St. Paul's Per Capita assessment obligation for 2020 is \$5,101.85 which translates to approximately \$32.00 per member listed on the official roll. Requesting each member to voluntarily donate their portion of this assessment lessens the impact on the General Fund. An envelope was included in your January packet. The envelope also lists a voluntary opportunity to donate the same amount to our Shared Mission obligation. Thank you!

米 米 From the Board of Deacons: * * Chancel Flowers and * ℀ * * Food Baskets ⋇ ⋇ **** ********* Envelopes for ordering are in the office Payment of \$20.00 is required at the time the order is placed. 米 ********** The flower chart in the lobby is available to reference availability only. Please DO NOT write on the chart, but check for available dates **BEFORE** ordering. ***** Flowers may be placed from February 9 through November 22, 2020 Food Baskets may be * ******** designated for any Sunday. * ****** Donations for food baskets support the outreach ministries of the Deacons. * ⋇





Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

December 29, 2019 General Fund: \$7,181.90

Building Improvement Fund: \$1,535.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go: DTE—November: \$925.52

2020 Pledge update as of December 31, 2019

General Fund 49 pledging units: \$137,437.00

Building Improvement Fund 27 pledging units: \$32,114.00



THE WEEKLY OFFICE SCHEDULE IS:

Monday - Work day for Pastor Paul and Wanda IN THE OFFICE.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday -Regular Office hours - 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Office hours - 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Friday-Closed.

In Our Thoughts

Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Bill Dust Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie Frank & Nancy Saunders, Janet Pridgeon Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak Dorothy Farquhar ~ aunt of Eric Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

<u>Please review the prayer list and report any</u> <u>changes to the office as soon as possible.</u>

Calendar for January 5 - January 12, 2020	
Sunday, January 5 9:00AM Christian Century Forum	PLEASE check our website: www.stpaulspresbyterian.church for current St. Paul's information, now including the weekly bulletin!
Wednesday, January 8Thursday, January 94:00PM Worship Committee166:00PM Ringers Rehearsal	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 734.422.1470 Fax: 734.422.3845 Website ***www.stpaulspresbyterian.church***
Friday, January 10	sppc@stpaulspresbyterian.church The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel
Saturday, January 11 6:00PM Deacons DinnerGenesis Hall Sunday, January 12 Ordination and Installation of Officers 9:00AM Christian Century Forum9 10:15AM WorshipSanctuary	Pastor The Rev. Joanne Morgan Parish Associate <u>Presbytery of Detroit: www.PbyDetroit.org</u> Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): www.pcusa.org St. Paul's Presbyterian Church feeding people- body, mind, and spirit. CCLI # 2342595 CVLI # 502166520