

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

March 8, 2020 ~ The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" ~ St. Paul's Ringers

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice;

All: to share your bread with the hungry;

Leader: to bring the homeless poor into your house;

All: when you see the naked to clothe them?

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

All: and your healing shall spring up quickly.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Hymn #215** ~ "What Wondrous Love Is This"

***Prayer of the Day** ~ *in unison*

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.**

**Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "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.* (repeat once)

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 12:1-6 as translated in The Five Books of Moses

by Everett Fox

Anthem ~ "Anthem of Healing" (E. Meyer) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Gospel ~ John 3:1-17 ~ in dialogue

Art work by Christine Piastowski

Message ~ “Missing the Point and Missing Out”

***Hymn #292** ~ “*As the Wind Song*”

Community at Prayer

***Hymn #797** ~ “*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*”

Commitment of Tithes and Offerings ~ *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*”

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***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.

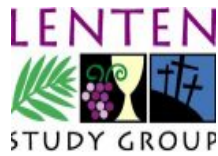
***Hymn #821** ~ “*My Life Flows On*” ~ verse 1

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The flowers are presented today by...

†Joyce MacLennan in memory of Edgar McLennan



**You are invited to Explore Matthew 7 Together
Lent 2020
Wednesday Soup Suppers
Through April 1 - 6:00PM-7:30PM**

Each Wednesday we will gather for soup and conversation. This year we will include communion around tables in Genesis Hall. Short vignettes have been chosen to stir conversations as we explore Jesus' words towards the end of the Sermon on the Mount.

March 11: Matthew 7:1-2. Video - "Signs of Forgiveness"

March 18: Matthew 7:15-17. Video - "A Moment in Time"

March 25: Matthew 7:13-14. Video - "Stories Behind the Face"

April 1: Matthew 7:21. Video - "Forgiveness Bridge"

Please sign up EACH week!!!

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• **Moving With The Spirit** resumed on Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00PM –5:00PM and
• will continue through April 14. (No class on March 10). **Please note the new day**
• **and time!** Balance stretches using therapy balls and floor exercises will follow from
• 5:00PM-5:30PM. This is a class to soothe the body, mind, and soul. It combines
• centering exercise, gentle movement, guided imagery, and breathing prayers to
• enhance our own spirituality and relationship with God, all while sharing fellowship
• and the joy of God.
• Registration forms are on the lobby table. \$30.00 registration fee, due the first day
• of class, with checks payable to St. Paul's. Questions?
• Please contact Karen Barsy at 734.729.0688 or dancinklmb@comcast.net.
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Toothpaste for Crossroads! The Crossroads March "Ask of the Month" is **Toothpaste**. St. Paul's will collect toothpaste the entire month of March and deliver it to Crossroads for their outreach programs. A collection box is available in the lobby. Thank you for supporting Crossroads of Michigan!

MISSION World Medical Relief - Tuesday, March 10 from 9AM-Noon.
Carpool from the church at 8:30AM. Please sign up!!

Save the date! A Mission Trip is being planned for April 25-May 2 to Taylorville, Illinois, in the south central part of the state where a tornado struck on December 1, 2019. Details will follow. If you have questions, please see Gary Earnley.

"A Journey Through Lent" is the video study at 9:00AM on Sundays through the season of Lent. Join us in room 11 for viewing and discussion through April 5. Each week will focus on a Psalm with the emphasis changing: A Prayer of Confession, of Seeking, of Thirst, of Rest, for the World, for the King and for Security. Mark this season with us.

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.

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: **Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take
: place at **6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.**
: **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 christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church. 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.**
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*Thank
You*

From Sheldon Davis... *"To St. Paul's Members and families,
The church is just not an institution or a mere social club; it is
where we are brought to God! 'The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot be seen or even touched-they must be
felt with the heart.' Helen Keller (1880-1968).*

*Marion and I felt all your prayers in our hearts. Thank you for the cards,
best wishes, and a special 'thanks' to Joanne for the wonderful prayer shawl.
Blessings to all."*



Highlights from the February 18 Council Meeting...

- ◆ Thanks to Kasco Construction for the donation of 7 laptop computers.
- ◆ Approved May 31, 2020 as the retirement date for Pastor Paul. His final Sunday for preaching is May 17.
- ◆ Council is grateful for 3 more pledges and would welcome more members doing the same.

Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care will meet on March 9 at 6:15PM at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.



Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh will address **Developments in Child Welfare** from the Michigan Supreme Court's perspective. **Arielle Duncan** will share her musical talent.

Donations to be gathered: New and gently used suitcases, new children's underwear, twin XL bed linens, personal care items for aging out students at Wayne State.

Questions? Sheila Henderson - rjsah@sbcglobal.net
Peggy Fisher-Kmicciak - pfk75@hotmail.com



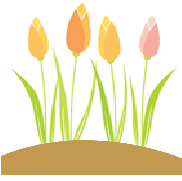
St. Paul's Policy: If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a **weather-related reason**, St. Paul's is closed and **ALL meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. NO exceptions.** Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools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



OOPS! We miscalculated! So... we have ordered 30 more ***Glory to God*** hymnals! If you missed the previous opportunity to donate, or would like to make an additional donation, now is your chance! \$20.00 per hymnal! Order forms are in the office.



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. 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!



Orders for Easter tulips may be placed in the office. Each plant is \$10.00 - Cash, or check payable to the Board of Deacons. The deadline for ordering is March 29!! Donors will be acknowledged on Easter Sunday, April 12. All plants MUST be picked up after the service on April 12 as the church will be closed for Easter Break on Monday, April 13.

 * 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. *
 * 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 on available *
 * dates through November 22, 2020 *
 * Food Baskets may be *
 * designated for any Sunday. *
 * Donations for food baskets support the *
 * outreach ministries of the Deacons. *
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BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY

Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Current needs: canned green beans, canned corn, canned pasta!

Each bag contains: a roll of paper towels, a large roll of toilet tissue, 1 large or 2 small cans of tuna, 1 can of meat (SPAM, etc.), 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 box of gelatin, 1 package of pasta, 1 can of pasta sauce, 1 can of pasta (ravioli, etc.), 1 package of a side dish (potatoes, rice dishes, tuna helper, etc.), 1 sleeve of crackers (saltines or graham), 1 box of cereal, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam, and sample sized toiletries.

Thank you for your ongoing support!!

Here are some things we need, please:

SEALED WRAPPED plastic ware to donate to Crossroads Soup Kitchen. A collection box is in the office.

SWIVEL-STYLE PLASTIC HANGERS AND CLIP STYLE SKIRT HANGERS for the dresses. Please place in the **smallest** lobby shopping cart in the lobby.

NEWSPAPER - just the printed pages - **NO** colored pages or inserts, **PLEASE!** - for the community garden project. A basket is under the lobby sign-up table.

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

March 1, 2020
General Fund: \$2,287.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$595.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
DTE-January: \$836.85

2020 Pledge update as of February 23, 2020

General Fund
53 pledging units: \$145,837.00

Building Improvement Fund
30 pledging units: \$33,674.00

If we have not yet received your donation for the annual **St. Paul's Per Capita** obligation for 2020, please consider sending it as soon as possible. St. Paul's assessment is **\$5,101.85** which translates to approximately **\$32.00 per member** listed on the official roll. Asking the membership to donate their portion lessens the impact on the General Fund. **Thank you! And a special thanks to those of you who have already participated!!**



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 & Prayers

Sheldon Davis, 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
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak
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

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Ladies... there is a necklace in the office with a magnetic clasp and it is looking for its owner! Found in the sanctuary during a worship service.

Calendar for March 8 - March 15, 2020

Sunday, March 8

The second Sunday in Lent

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

9:00AM *A Journey Through Lent*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

ROMANS 12:4.....Genesis Hall

Monday, March 9

6:00PM Worship Committee.....Off site

Tuesday, March 10

5:30PM PNC.....9

7:00PM Deacons.....16

7:30PM NA.....J/K

Wednesday, March 11

10:00AM Bingo at Heartland Health

6:00PM Lenten Series.....Genesis Hall

Thursday, March 12

5:30PM Girl Scout Training.....Social Hall

6:00PM Ringers Rehearsal.....F

6:30PM Singers Rehearsal.....F

7:30PM NA.....J/K

7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

9:00AM *A Journey Through Lent*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

Reminder!

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www.stpaulspresbyterian.church for
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including the weekly bulletin!

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feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.

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