



St. Paul's United Methodist Church



Worship Program

December 12, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11:00 a.m. Worship

PRELUDE *Carols of the Season* St. Paul's Dickens Singers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 224

UNISON PRAYER: (People seated) God of Promise, we come today weary from the world. For some of us, shopping, cooking, and parties have overtaxed our bodies and budgets. For others, financial constraints make us feel inadequate. For some, all the merriment reminds us of our loneliness. Bloom bright in our lives with Your blossoms of joy. Renew our hearts and make us sing again with delight in Your holy presence. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Leader): THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

RESPONSE: (#487) This is our prayer. This is our prayer, O God.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Leslie Schneider and Braden Bennett

CHORAL RESPONSE: We're calling you, come Jesus come. We're calling you, come Jesus come. Come to the places of need bringing mercy. Lord, come to us please. Jesus come.

MUSIC *Jesus, What a Wonderful Child* (Dilworth) Men's Quartet
John Stone, Bill Molloy, Jerry Frushour, John Treat

SMALL TALK Children are invited to come to the Communion Rail
(As we stand to sing, children leave to attend "Fun with Faith" in Rickard Chapel)

***PSALTER** Psalm 80:1-7 (Response 1) 801

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 881

***GLORIA PATRI** 71

***HYMN** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 218

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE: (#898) 3-fold Amen

OFFERTORY *The Wexford Carol* (arr. Butler) Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY (#95)** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

RESPONSE: Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "THE BRIGHT BLOOM OF GOD" — REV. JEFF REGAN

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* 250

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE: (#668)** Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** *The Sussex Carol* (arr. Thomas)

* (Please stand as you are able)

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rosalie Costeiu by her daughter, Violet Gendron.

SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH

8:30 – 12:30 p.m. COOKIE WALK & MISSION FAIR – Hickey Hall

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Jeff Regan; Dr. Randall, Director of Music; Rick MacDonald, Head Usher 9:00 a.m.; David Beerer, Head Usher 11:00 a.m.

INFANT NURSERY: Room 115

TODDLERS AND TWO-YEAR-OLDS: Rooms 116-117

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLDS: Room 127

GOD'S SPECIAL GIFTS (*special needs individuals of all ages*): Room 207

9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. "FUN WITH FAITH":

KINDERGARTEN - SIXTH GRADE: Rickard Chapel

10:00 a.m. COFFEE HOUR: Ad Board, Host

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC & HEALTH FAIR : Narthex

INFANT NURSERY: Room 115

TODDLERS THROUGH FOUR-YEAR-OLDS: Rooms 116-117

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE:

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR: ages 3 & 4 – Room 125

CHERUB CHOIR: ages 5 – 2nd grade – Room 123

CRUSADER CHOIR: 3rd – 7th grade – Rooms 128, 129

5 YEARS – FIFTH GRADE "Craft Class": the Lounge

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL: the Lounge

FAMILY LIFE: Empty Nesters, Grandparents, Retirees: Parlor

Program: "Breaking Night"; presented by Camille Doerr

TIME-OUT: Parents of Young Children: Rickard Chapel

12:00 p.m. COFFEE HOUR: Self Serve

12:15 p.m. MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING – Room 132

5:00 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS – Rickard Chapel

6:00 p.m. MID-HIGH YOUTH GROUP (Christmas Party)– Hickey Hall

6:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – the Lounge

6:30 p.m. DISCIPLE IV – Room 132

6:30 p.m. SPEAKING OF FAITH – Rickard Chapel

7:00 p.m. COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CANDLELIGHTING – Sanctuary

**MISSION FAIR
&
COOKIE WALK**
**8:30 a.m. –
12:30 p.m.**
Hickey Hall



HEALTH MINISTRIES BP CLINIC/MINI HEALTH FAIR

December 12, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. – Narthex

Have your blood pressure checked and pick up valuable information about "Holiday Survival Tips and Facts on Depression".

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING will supplement the "Christmas Food Baskets".

FOOD PANTRY DONATION: bring in CANNED FRUIT this month.

COOKIE WALK & MISSION FAIR

Sunday, December 12; 8:30-12:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall

St. Paul's Christmas Cookie Walk & Mission Fair has a variety of vendors to help you with your shopping and baking, while you help missions locally and around the world. In addition to homemade cookies, there will be Red Bird Crafts, Panera & Starbucks cards to benefit youth worktrip and more!



CookieWalk

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Monday, December 13 - Saturday, December 18

St. Paul's will deliver food baskets to over **100** families in the Greater Rochester Area. We accept non-perishable "family type" food items, checks, or volunteers to assemble or deliver baskets. Contact: Carolyn Phelps 248-651-0765.



ADVENT LUNCH BOX CONCERT

Friday, December 17 (Dr. Alan Knight); Noon; Sanctuary

Join us for the last half-hour Advent concert followed by brown bag lunch in the Parlor. No admission charge for the concert; bring your own brown bag lunch.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*SONGS

Trading My Sorrows

All Who Are Thirsty

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Gladys Stebbins

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

895

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

In the Bleak Midwinter (Darke)

Epworth Choir

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 35:1-10

MESSAGE: "THE BRIGHT BLOOM OF GOD" — REV. JEFF REGAN

*SONG

Let the River Flow

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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BE CONNECTED - NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

The maps from the "Be Connected - Neighborhood Groups" (which will be getting started in early 2011) are along the windows in the Narthex. Stop by and see if we have your home's location correct and check your phone number listing. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual connection and support.

SPEAKING OF FAITH

Sundays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Rickard Chapel

December 12: *Restoring Political Civility*

December 19: *The Wisdom of Tenderness*

Weekly discussions using podcasts from American Public Radio. If you have a chance to listen to the podcast, you can find it at www.speakingoffaith.org. Listening to the podcast before is not required and you're welcome to join us for some thoughtful discussion.

ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY: MAGNIFICAT (Rutter)

Sunday, December 19; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.; Sanctuary

Don't miss this glorious celebration of Christmas through the music of our vocal, bell, handchime choirs, and orchestra.

ST. PAUL'S UMC BUSINESS MANAGER

As announced in church on December 5th, Donna Williams, our Business Manager, will be leaving St. Paul's effective February 25, 2011. Donna's husband, Darryl, has accepted a position with his company in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Donna has been a key member of our staff for the past 10 years and she will be sorely missed.

In light of this development, St. Paul's is accepting applications for the position of Business Manager. This full-time position requires strong administrative and organizational skills, experience with managing complex budgets, proficiency with handling multiple projects simultaneously, and an ability to work positively, professionally, and collaboratively with the congregation, staff, the Detroit Annual Conference, the greater Rochester community, and outside vendors. We encourage qualified candidates to send a cover letter detailing their interest and relevant skills, along with a resume to: Tom Talbert, Chairperson, St. Paul's UMC Staff Parish & Personnel Committee at tom.talbert@c-e.com or via U.S. mail to St. Paul's UMC, no later than Monday, December 27, 2010.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

(Please call 248-651-9361 three weeks in advance to schedule your event on our calendar)

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Praying Your Way to Bethlehem – Rickard Chapel

MONDAY, December 13th:

- 9:15 a.m. Parent/Tot Class – Room 110
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers to Baldwin Ave. Soup Kitchen – offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Relay for Life – Rooms 128, 129
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 123 – Rooms 120-123
- 7:00 p.m. Epworth Choir – Choir Room

TUESDAY, December 14th:

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 132
- 6:00 p.m. Prayerful Yoga – Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout "Tiger" Den – Room 122, 123
- 7:00 p.m. DISCIPLE I – Room 131
- 7:30 p.m. Mission Council – Room 132

WEDNESDAY, December 15th:

- 9:30 a.m. H.U.G.S. – Rickard Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting – Room 129
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY, December 16th:

- 9:00 a.m. DISCIPLE III – the Lounge, Room 132
- 9:30 a.m. Advent Study of Isaiah – Room 129
- 6:00 p.m. **PACKING FOOD BASKETS** – Hickey Hall
- 6:40 p.m. Canterbury Ringers – Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. Venture Crew – Room 124
- 7:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers – Bell Room

FRIDAY, December 17th: [ADVENT LUNCHBOX CONCERT]

- 12:00 p.m. Advent "Lunchbox" Concert (Dr. Alan Knight) – Sanctuary, Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon – Room 123
- 2:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123

SATURDAY, December 18th:

- 9:00 a.m. **FOOD BASKET DELIVERY** – Hickey Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123, 124, 131

ADVENT RETREAT: *Opening Your Heart to Christ* Tuesday, December 21; 6:30 p.m.; Rickard Chapel

Take two hours to slow down and refocus on Christ during the busy-ness of the season.
Presented by: Susan Amick.

CINN SUNDAY THANK YOU ...



It's fun to share good news with you. The UMW Cinnamon Roll sale collected \$800; proceeds go to support missions. A special thank you to all the workers/bakers and those who graciously purchased the cinnamon rolls.



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Rev. Jack Amick, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Latha Ravi, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dwayne Kelsey, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Wm. Jean Randall, *Director of Music*

Stacie Buckler, *Director of Christian Education*