

## HARMONY IN THE HILLS

The Christa Grix Jazz Trio

Sunday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.; Sanctuary

For more than 30 years, Christa Grix has been engaging audiences in Southeastern Michigan with her unique skills as a harpist. Equally adept as both a classical and jazz harpist, she is one of those rare individuals who can make the transition from the jazz rhythm section to the symphonic string section sound effortless. The appeal and respect her music generates has taken her throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe as an invited soloist and clinician at all the major harp festivals and conferences. Ticket cost is \$10; children 12 and under are free.

## YOUNG-AT-HEART-ADULTS (YAHAS)

Tuesday, March 16, luncheon, noon (\$7); Hickey Hall  
Program, *Two Pianos*, 1:00 p.m. (free); Sanctuary

Join us for a piano concert by Betty Curtiss and Marianne Harris. Register by calling the church office by Friday, March 12.

## CINN Sunday

Sunday, March 21

They're back! Those freshly baked, delicious cinnamon rolls. Proceeds support UMW missions here and around the world. Buy extra – they freeze well for a sweet treat!

## LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Help decorate the Sanctuary as you memorialize or honor loved ones by purchasing an Easter Lily. Plants may be picked up following the Easter worship services or donated to homebound members. See the order form in future Evangels.

## NOTHING BUT NETS CHALLENGE

Sunday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.; Hickey Hall

What if you could celebrate March Madness, have fun with the family, and save lives all at the same time? YOU CAN at the Nothing But Nets Challenge at St. Paul's! Donating \$10 to the Nothing But Nets campaign gets you ten tickets for snacks, games, and a chance at prizes, and fun for the whole family in Hickey Hall. To volunteer or for more information call David Barnes (248) 760-9372 or email at david.e.barnes@hotmail.com.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.; Hickey Hall

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Easter season with a pancake breakfast sponsored by Youth Ministry from 9:00-10:00 a.m., with proceeds going to support the summer worktrip. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the annual Children's Ministry egg hunt will begin here at the church. This is a great family event with a special take home craft that will help you celebrate the wonderful gift we have been given in Jesus.

## PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN

Sunday, March 28, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.;

All Children's Sunday school classrooms

Children's Sunday school will celebrate Palm Sunday in a special way this year. There will be crafts and a story for each class, plus a chance to go visit with Tommy, the donkey. Palms will be distributed at both services for children to participate in the Palm Parade.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 1

Worship Service: 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jack Amick

Come for this service of the New Covenant in Christ. This worship service will include both footwashing and communion. The footwashing is optional, but if you would like to participate you might wish to wear socks (instead of nylons) and shoes that you are able to easily remove. \*\* See childcare note.



Maundy Thursday

## GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 2

Worship Service: 12:30 p.m., Sanctuary; Rev. Dwayne Kelsey

As we look forward to the joy of Easter morning, we will take this opportunity to worship as a community of faith for a time of reflection.



## Tenebrae Service of Darkness: 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

The evening Good Friday service will feature *The Crucifixion*, by Sir John Stainer, presented by St. Paul's choirs and orchestra; the Madrigal Choir of Southfield; with special guest, Johnny Kash performing on the J.W. Walker pipe organ. \*\* See childcare note.

## EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m.; Rev. Ravi & Rev. Amick

Experience the ancient and modern combined in this early morning service. This service will incorporate elements from one of the oldest documented Christian worship services, the Easter Vigil. Weather permitting, we will begin in the Garden of Hope, where we will light the Christ candle and process into the Sanctuary to read scripture, sing, remember our baptism and celebrate Holy Communion. Rev. Amick and Rev. Ravi will use a conversational style to present the Easter Message.

## Easter Breakfast: 7:45-11:00 a.m.; Hickey Hall

Please join us for fellowship and a hot breakfast as we gather together on Easter morning. A suggested donation of \$5 will go towards October 2010 Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

There will be opportunities to learn more about how St. Paul's is having a positive impact in the lives of many people through Red Bird. Perhaps God is calling you to go with us this fall. Contact Bob Conger at 248-393-3015 for more information or to help with the breakfast.

## Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Rev. Regan

Childcare available for ages birth – 4 years old during worship services.

No Sunday school – special worship packets available for all children.

Join us for our traditional Easter worship service. St. Paul's Choirs will be singing.



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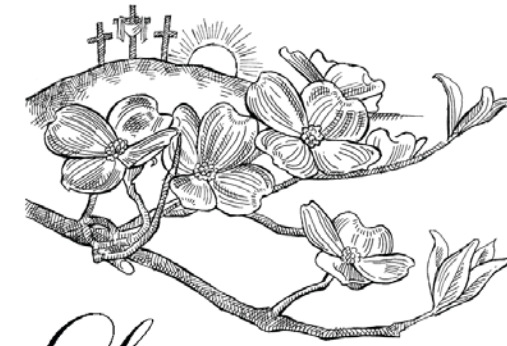
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## Lent

Lent is often a time associated with fasting, commonly from our favorite foods. I sometimes hear about what people are "giving up" for Lent. Lent seems to have become a season of sacrifice.

In these challenging economic times, many have already sacrificed much. It is hard to find or even think about giving up one more thing. So I suggest that during this season of Lent we take time to look for God's Grace that happens in the everyday events of our lives. Those times where God has used people, events and situations to remind us that Christ is with us, in every situation. Each one of us is here to share the love of Christ with each other.

As I look over the programs that our lay leadership and staff have assembled for the coming season, I see many opportunities to help us find this Grace and to deepen our connections with Christ and with each other. Potluck suppers, pancake breakfasts, discussion groups and concerts will connect us with each other. To help us connect with God there are prayer opportunities, Bible studies, the all-Sunday school study on Grace, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services. Special events to support Habitat for Humanity, Red Bird Mission and Nothing But Nets will keep us connected with the world.

This Lent, if you choose to fast or to try a different spiritual practice, I hope you will do it with an eye towards looking for God's Grace as you deepen your connection and commitment to St. Paul's and our ministry together in the world. May God bless you as you draw nearer to God, to each other, and to the needs of the world.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Jeff Regan

## Faith First

### March: Grounded in Grace

Remembering the base of grace in our lives

### ALL CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN STUDY

Opening Ourselves to Grace

This Lent, the adult Sunday school classes will be looking at God's Grace – what it is, how it works in our lives, and some practical ways we can experience it more fully. This four-week DVD-based study will begin February 28 and continue through March 21. No advance registration is required. You are welcome to attend any of the classes.

Time-Out – Parents of young children (Rooms 128, 129)

Faith and Family – Parents of high school/college (Room 132)

Family Life – Empty Nesters, Grandparents, Retirees (Parlor)

Adult Open Study – Adults ages 18-118 (Room 131)

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 7th will be handed out on Sunday morning.

## NEWS FROM THE RED BIRD TEAM

The next worktrip to the Red Bird Mission is planned for the week of October 17 through October 23, 2010. The week will provide a unique blend of fellowship and service as we assemble with other church groups to make home repairs and share God's love. Our group also emphasizes the building of relationships with the residents as well as with the mission staff and volunteers. Join us and experience Christ's transforming love through service. Contact the church office for more information.



The Easter Breakfast is our major fundraiser. Proceeds and donations will help pay for building materials and supplies needed for our worktrip project. Please join us for brunch as we celebrate the Easter season and St. Paul's commitment to Appalachian people. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, food preparation and serving. If you can help, contact Bob Conger at BConger1@aol.com.

The Red Bird Craft Sale was a big success. Thanks to those who purchased, those who helped sell, and those who shared stories about the mission. The proceeds from the sale support the local Appalachian crafters and the local economy.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUPPORTS ROCHESTER AREA NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE Month of February

During the entire month of February, children are asked to bring in canned and boxed food (of all types) to the Education Wing. Look for the special collection boxes by the Sunday school classrooms. Our goal is to collect over 250 items of food to donate to our neighbors here in Rochester. Let's go Children's Ministry!

## H.U.G.S. MOTHERS' GROUP

**Mothers of all ages offering Humor, Understanding, Growth, and Support  
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Rickard Chapel**

We will have guest presenters through February with topics from Asset Building, to social and psychological issues with high schoolers, to Child Development information, and how elementary education is changing. A highlight will be a two week block facilitated by Brenda Younker, with the help of some of our other HUGS "empty and emptying" nesters . . . the topic being *If I only knew then what I know now*. The seminar series is a major annual event in HUGS that has something for everyone. As usual, all moms are welcome. Be sure to register kids for childcare with Stacie Buckler at stacie@stpaulsrochester.org, if your children are not already on the list. If Rochester Schools have a snow day on a Wednesday, there will be no HUGS.

## CAREER SEARCH NETWORKING GROUP Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; Room 132



How can St. Paul's best support those displaced from their jobs as a result of the economic downturn? If you would like to be a part of a group of fellow career searchers that meet to share our career search talents, please join us.

This networking group is also committed to strengthening their faith and growing in their Christian walk during this time of transition. *The Career Networking Group maintains a "resume" book. If you are an employer or know of open positions in your company, please call the church office.*

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: "THE LAST WEEK" Thursday mornings, February 4 – March 25 10:00-11:30 a.m.; Rooms 128, 129

Join Rev. Ravi in examining Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. Learn about the mounting tension that forced everyone in Jesus' path to pledge allegiance – either to Rome's way of power and oppression or to His way of love and equality. Register by calling the church office at 248-651-9361. \*\* See childcare note.



## EMBRACING AUTISM

**Monday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Parlor**

Join as we learn more about Autism and related disorders from community leaders and members of St. Paul's. The topic this week is *In the Church*. Go to St. Paul's website at www.stpaulsrochester.org and click on the Stephen Ministers tab for more information.

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is our focus mission for Lent.

*Here are ways you can help...*

### Extras for Missions

One of St. Paul's growing traditions is that during Lent, we invite everyone to practice "tithing on non-essentials." What does this mean? For each dollar you spend on non-essential items such as dinner out, entertainment, manicures (you decide which expenses are non-essential), set aside 10%. At the end of Lent, give a prayer of thanks as you contribute the monies to "Habitat for Humanity" and help people who often can afford only essentials. Further information and special envelopes available in the kiosk.

### Help build our next Habitat home...

June 21-25 and July 12-16, St. Paul's will help to build our tenth Habitat home in Pontiac, with the Rochester Habitat Coalition, the churches and service clubs of Rochester. Sign-ups for construction and support volunteers will be held during April and May. Please watch for further information.

## UMW DAY APART FOR PRAYER Saturday, February 13

**9:00 a.m., Coffee and Registration, Narthex  
9:30 a.m. Breakfast, Narthex**

**10:15, Program with Rev. Doug Ralston, Sanctuary**

All are invited to this joyful and restorative morning of music, worship and prayer. Music by Youth Choir singers, Hannah Younker and Josh Lee. Special prayers and meditation stations will be available in the Sanctuary. Reservations required. For more information, contact Brenda Younker at 248-652-1538. \*\* See childcare note.

## UMM SEVEN COURSE VALENTINE DINNER

**Saturday, February 13; 6:30 p.m. – Hickey Hall**



We will again provide an exquisite dining experience, with special musical entertainment. This year's theme is "Pure Michigan". The United Methodist Men pay for and prepare all of the food, so 100% of the proceeds from the dinner go to Habitat for Humanity. Last year we raised over \$5,000 and served over 180 meals. The cost is \$25 per person. Advanced ticket sales can be purchased in the Narthex.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 14; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. worship services**

All youth scouts (Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts) and leaders are invited to wear their uniforms (without hats) to be recognized during worship. Participants of the God & Country program will also receive their recognition at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

## SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Many of our homebound were active members for many years at St. Paul's. This Lent, shower a blessing on our homebound members by sending a card. Names and addresses will be included in a future Evangel.

## PRAYERFUL YOGA & CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. or  
Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:15 p.m.; Sanctuary  
6 weeks, February 16 – March 23**

This calm, meditative yoga will support your ability to breathe, stretch and center your attention on God's presence in your life. Scripture, prayer, and song will be incorporated into each class. Led by Certified Yoga Instructor, Susan Amick. Mats will be available for those who do not have one to bring to class. Contact the church office at 248-651-9361 to register; class limited to 20 participants. Class fee of \$35 is payable at first session.

## YOUNG-AT-HEART-ADULTS (YAHAS)

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Program, Grace at St. Paul's, 1:00 p.m. (free); Parlor**

Join us for a presentation by Senior Pastor Rev. Regan. Register by calling the church office, 248-651-9361 by Friday, February 12.

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

**Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.; Sanctuary**

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we take time to reflect upon our mortality as well as recognize the ways we have become separated from God. The service will include Holy Communion. The service will be led by Rev. Regan.



## PRAYING YOUR WAY TO JERUSALEM

**Tuesdays - Fridays  
during Lent beginning February 18  
11:30 a.m.; Rickard Chapel**



Add something to your prayer life during Lent. Come see how an ancient format might be relevant for you during the busy days leading up to Easter. Drop in for daily prayers led by Rev. Jack Amick. Come when you can and as you are.

## HARMONY IN THE HILLS

**Zenith Brass Concert; Mark Petty, Director  
Sunday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.; Sanctuary**

*Zenith Brass Ensemble* is a group of 35 talented youth brass and percussion players. Drawing on the brass choir literature for college and professional organizations, the repertoire is fresh and exciting. The concert will feature a variety of music. Ticket cost is \$10; children 12 and under are free.



## LENTEN "FRIDAYS AT NOON" CONCERT SERIES

**Friday, March 5; Noon; Sanctuary; Steve Warner  
Friday, March 12; Noon; Sanctuary; Johnny Kash  
Friday, March 19; Noon; Sanctuary; Heather Nofar  
Friday, March 26; Noon; Sanctuary; Joseph Daniel**

Add something special to your Lenten experience by attending one or all of these 40-minute recitals featuring talented musicians from the area performing on our J.W. Walker pipe organ. Bring your lunch and join others in the Parlor for food and fellowship following the concert. Coffee and tea will be provided.

## UMW LENTEN SILENT BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION

**Saturday, March 6; 9:30 a.m.; Hickey Hall, Rickard Chapel**  
Everyone is welcome to attend the forty-sixth annual Lenten Celebration, sponsored by the UMW of St. Paul's featuring a Silent Breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program at 10:00 a.m. with a time of prayer following.

This year's program will explore the beginning of the Call to Pray and Self-Denial in 1887 and continuing to this present time. This year's focus and offering will help preserve and update facilities both foreign and domestic supported by the UMW. One of our spend-down recipients, the Heifer Project, will be further highlighted with a representative speaking to the group.

## LENTEN POTLUCK SUPPER

**Sunday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall**

Help St. Paul's revive a time-honored tradition within the Methodist church: a potluck supper! Enjoy connecting in fellowship by bringing your favorite dish to pass and enjoy a sampling of other delicacies.

## BOOK DISCUSSION WITH REV. REGAN

*Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom

**Sunday, March 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Parlor**

As America struggles with hard times and people turn more to their beliefs, this book explores issues that perplex modern man: how to endure when difficult things happen; what heaven is; forgiveness; doubting God; and the importance of faith in trying times. Join Rev. Regan as he leads a discussion of the book, *Have a Little Faith*, about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story. Please read the book prior to the discussion. \*\* See childcare note.