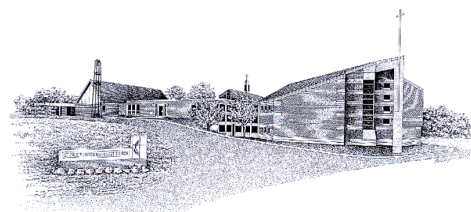


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OCTOBER 2010

"A Little Bit Does a Lot"

Every Member Commitment



This week, St. Paul's United Methodist Church begins our fall Every Member Commitment campaign. Our theme this year is "A Little Bit Does a Lot."

Over the next few weeks we hope to help each other in our prayers and meditations to realize the effect our commitment to faith and service has on our lives, the lives in our community, and lives around the globe. God works through us, and we grow through this active relationship with God.

CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Sunday, October 24

10:00 a.m.; Hickey Hall

Everyone is invited to gather in Hickey Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a celebration brunch.

Concentrate this week on recalling one small act of faith and giving that had an unexpected result. Begin to experience how "A Little Bit Does a Lot."

Thank you,

Your St. Paul's EMC Committee

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 3

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

Join us in the Sanctuary for Holy Communion. This worldwide, multi-denominational event



is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and enable us to serve God in life-changing ministries.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

St. Paul's members and friends are invited to attend

Rev. Duane Miller, Chair
Wednesday, November 3, 2010
7:00 p.m.; Rickard Chapel

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 10; 1:30 p.m.
Rochester Park

Please join us to walk with other churches and members of the community to demonstrate our awareness of the needs of those in poverty. Funds raised will go to Rochester Area Neighborhood House, the Rochester monthly dinner and global programs run by Church World Service. Contact Diane Donoghue at (248) 872-7582 to help raise funds or for further information.

MARRIAGE RENEWAL Sunday, October 17



Couples celebrating their 5th, 10th wedding anniversary, etc (in 5 year increments), or any wedding anniversary over 50 years, are invited to participate at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship. Please call the church office (248) 651-9361 to sign up for this meaningful renewal service. The deadline to notify the church for participants' names to be printed in the Worship Program is Monday, October 4.

Sermon Series for October 2010

October

- 3rd Luke 17:5-10
"Little To Big"
Rev. Jeff Regan
- 10th Luke 17:11-19
"Just One"
Rev. Jeff Regan
- 17th Jeremiah 31:31-34
"The Promise"
Rev. Jeff Regan
- 24th Luke 18:9-14
"A Quiet Faith"
Rev. Jeff Regan
- 31st Luke 19:1-10
"Treetop Transformation"
Rev. Jack Amick



Faith First: "A Little Bit Does a Lot"

Abundant Living, Abundant Giving, by God's Grace

In sermons and Every Member Commitment talks this month, we will learn more about how a small increase in giving can, by God's grace, dramatically increase the ministry of St. Paul's UMC. In addition, there are several opportunities where doing a little can mean a lot. You might consider participating in the CROP Walk, assisting with the UMW Market for Missions Rummage Sale, or going on the mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. The "Connecting With Communion" class focuses on how an ancient Christian practice can shape our lives for abundant living. Another class, "How God Takes our Little and Makes it Much," looks at the power of God's grace in our lives. However you choose to get a little bit more involved this month, may you find your life abundant in new ways.

ALL-CHURCH CONNECTIONS

MARKET FOR MISSION RUMMAGE SALE

Drop Off Days: October 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sale Days: Friday, October 15 (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) & Saturday, October 16 (9:00 a.m. – noon)



It has worked so well we are continuing with the new setup for the sale. We will be using classrooms on the lower level and will have 2 drop-off areas. If you could bag your items in the following categories it would be helpful. Paper grocery sacks are also needed.

Hickey Hall drop off: men's and women's clothing and shoes, household items, bedding/linens, towels, pillows, rugs, appliances, furniture, sports equipment, luggage, lamps, jewelry, and Christmas trees.

Drop Off - Lower level classroom area: Children's items (clothing, shoes), toys, games, baby items (strollers, activity centers, baby blankets and sheets), books, magazines, records, video/DVD's, all holiday decorations, and craft supplies.

We do not accept computers, large appliances, tires, batteries, waterbeds, built-in-type dishwashers/cooktops/ovens, air conditioners, building supplies, storm windows, non-working electrical appliances, old textbooks, or magazines over 5 years old. If you have questions about items that you want to donate call Kathy Lutey at (248) 375-0958.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Have fun and make new friends! Helping hands are always welcome to sort the bags and boxes that are donated. Please give a few hours of your time from Tuesday, October 12 through Saturday, October 16. *Childcare will be available on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-noon.* Sign up for child care through your UMW Circle or call the church childcare reservation number (248) 651-9361 ext. 114 (48 hours notice required). Call Kathy Lutey (248) 375-0958 if you can lend a hand.



HARMONY IN THE HILLS

Sunday, October 10; 4:30 p.m.; Sanctuary

Featuring Joséf Kotowicz, a concert organist from Bialystok, Poland and a graduate from the F. Chopin Music Academy. He continued his education in Warsaw, Poland in the organ class of Prof. J. Serafin and was awarded a doctoral degree from the Music Academy in Warsaw. Mr. Kotowicz participates in numerous festivals internationally; is the producer of a radio broadcast series devoted to organs; and works with the Bialystok Philharmonic Society. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children 12 and under are free.

Other Rochester Concert Events:

MARK TISEL CONCERT
Saturday, October 9; 7:00 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
Benefiting RANH.

RSO: IT'S A STRING THING
Friday, October 29
8:00 p.m.; Sanctuary
Guest harpist, Allegra Lilly.

For more information, please contact the church: (248) 651-9361

ADULT CONNECTIONS

SPEAKING OF FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday evenings (ongoing); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Rickard Chapel

This group discusses selected segments from American Public Radio's *Speaking of Faith*, by Krista Tippett. Participants can listen online to specific episodes on the website, www.speakingoffaith.org. In class, we will replay key quotes or read short excerpts and have a discussion of questions which arise from the interviews. Topics will be selected based on the interests of the group. October 3—*Einstein's God*; October 10—*Preserving Words and Worlds*.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS by Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg Thursdays; 1:00 p.m.; 5 weeks beginning October 21; Parlor

Crossan and Borg show that the Christmas story, read in the original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine. Rev. Latha Ravi will lead a compelling study by answering the question, "What do these stories mean?" in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. Please contact the church office to register at (248) 651-9361.

SPIRITUAL LIVING IN A SECULAR WORLD

Mondays, 12 weeks beginning October 11; 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Room 131

As Christians we try to live under the spiritual leadings of our Faith while dwelling in an ever-degrading secular world. In the secular world we are at best ignored and, at worst, ridiculed or even assailed for what we know to be truth. Jesus directed that we be in the world but not of it. How do we do that? This class will help you in your journey. We will use the Book of Daniel as our guide along with discussion and sharing. There won't be homework, just the encouragement to read the next lesson. Please join us. Call Gerry Bryce at (248) 789-7057 with any questions or special needs. Call the church office at (248) 651-9361 to register.

DISCIPLE IV: Under the Tree of Life-Part 1, Old Testament Writings Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; 16 weeks beginning October 17; Room 132

For those who have already taken Disciple I, this class will explore Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. (Part 2 will be offered in 2011-2012 and will include the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation.) \$35. Led by Susan Sonye.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sundays, October 31 and November 7; 10:00 a.m.; Rev. Regan's office

If you've been considering church membership, come learn more about St. Paul's – who we are and where you can connect. On November 14, new members may join during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed by a celebration luncheon at 12:15 p.m. in the Parlor. If you'd like to join this New Member Class or need more information, call the church office at (248) 651-9361 to sign up.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNION

Tuesdays; 7:00 p.m.

**3 weeks beginning October 19
Rickard Chapel**

Revitalize your understanding of Holy Communion. Rev. Jack Amick will help us explore the dynamic potential communion holds for both personal transformation and congregational growth. The course will cover United Methodist understandings of communion; dynamic celebration practices; commonly held misperceptions, and communion as part of the life and philosophy of the congregation. Join us for an exciting exploration into a sometimes overlooked part of our Methodist faith. *If you hunger for Christ, come to the table...* Call the church office to register at (248) 651-9361.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

10:00 a.m.

FAMILY LIFE—Parlor: Empty Nesters, Retirees & Grandparents.

October discussions will focus on books by Adam Hamilton about Christianity around the world. Our Mission Focus will be Red Bird Mission and Grace Centers of Hope.

FAITH & FAMILY—Room 132: Parents of teens and beyond. We continue our discussion on *How God Takes our Little and Makes It Much* by James Moore.

TIME OUT—Rickard Chapel: Parents of young children. Weekly discussions will grow our friendships, improve our faith places and enhance our parenting skills.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONNECTIONS



WORKTRIP 2011: Informational Meeting
Sunday, October 17; 12:15 p.m.; Rickard Chapel
All interested youth and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about Worktrip 2011. Come learn the details about our trip to East Bank, WV and the fundraising hours each youth needs to earn.

THIRD WORD WEEKEND: 3rd Grade Bible Sunday **Sunday, October 10**

All third grade students are invited to participate in this special faith weekend, when they will receive their own Bible during the worship service, as well as a special lesson and fellowship time in Sunday school. PLUS, parents don't miss out on *Jump Start*: a special one time class for third grade parents from 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. in Room 131. One of the ministers will introduce you to the Bible your child just received and help you answer some of the tough faith questions your child may be asking. To register, contact Susan Mason at (248) 651-9361.

GOD'S SPECIAL GIFTS

Sundays; 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Room 207

This Sunday school class is available during worship services for children and adults of all ages with learning, behavioral, physical, or health differences. The program offers one-to-one teaching to maximize learning and can help each individual learn in their own special way. The class is led by Shirleen Jackson, who has over 30 years of teaching and special needs experience. For more information, please contact the church office at (248) 651-9361.



**SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL WORKTRIP...
SHOP AT KROGER**

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

St. Paul's Youth Number: 90027

Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, you can assist our youth each time you shop for groceries. In the last year, we earned over \$800 just by swiping your Kroger card when you shop. If you've never registered your Kroger Plus Card – now is the time to sign up. Register your card at the Kroger website with St. Paul's Youth Number (90027). Pick up a full set of instructions in the Narthex on the Kiosk. *It's easy...you shop, swipe your card to get Kroger grocery and gas savings at the checkout ...and the worktrip will earn money!* Thanks for your support!

VBS REWIND...THE JOURNEY ISN'T OVER! **Wednesday, October 6; 5:30–7:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall**

If you just didn't get enough of the vast voyage over the summer, then come aboard for a night of family fun! There will be games, crafts and food for the whole family as we continue to explore the deep love of God. Everyone is invited as we sail away into the fun! The cost for the event is \$10 per family and reservations are requested to the church office (248) 651-9361 by Monday, October 4 so we can prepare enough food.



For more information, please contact the church: (248) 651-9361

SHARING CONNECTIONS

SPARK Book Club

Tuesday, October 5; 1:30 p.m.; Parlor

SPARK will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. New participants are ALWAYS welcome to join us!



UMW: New Hope Circle

Thursday, October 7; 7:30 p.m.

New Hope will meet at the home of Lisa Johnson for a book discussion. *Other UMW Circles will not meet, but will be working the Market for Mission (page 2).*

PINOCHLE CLUB

Saturday, October 9; 7:00 p.m.

We gather on the second Saturday each month for a time of fun and fellowship. All are welcome. If you are interested, please call Shirley Brown at (248) 651-6458.

HUGS: Humor, Understanding, Growth, Support A Discussion Forum for Mom's of ALL Ages

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Rickard Chapel

"A Little Bit Does a Lot," is the theme for the month.

Discussions will center around the book series "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff - And It's ALL Small Stuff." We

will explore who we are as women, and how we parent. For questions or more information, contact Jeanne Gable at (248) 340-1749. **** See childcare note.**

YAHA: Young-At-Heart-Adults

Tuesday, October 19

If you are in the prime of life, join us the third Tuesday each month for lunch, a special presentation, and most of all, fellowship. Lunch is available for \$7 and can be reserved by calling the church office by Friday, October 15. Lunch at noon, followed by a presentation at 1:00 p.m. by Rev. Latha Ravi, "*A Trip to Paris.*"

EXPECT SOMETHING GOOD GROUP

(Moms of Teens); October 21; 7:30 p.m.

Caribou Coffee (Walton Blvd near Rochdale)

Join us when you can on the third Thursday of each month for a cup of coffee or tea, and some good chat time. No formal presentations, but we'd love it if you have a great book/idea/strategy to share. You can always contact the group with a prayer concern, question or a word of encouragement, too! For future dates, contact Brenda Younker at (248) 652-1538.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday, October 21; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; Parlor

Norm Gilmore is coordinating sessions to supplement the Scrapbooking Fellowship. They will explore such topics as: custom page layouts; printing background pages; print quality; archival printing; scanning photos; photo resizing; image retouching; use of text; and more.

CARING CONNECTIONS

FEELING OVERWHELMED?

A Stephen Minister's encouragement can make a difference in dealing with difficult life circumstances. If you want the support and understanding of a Stephen Minister, call Rev. Latha Ravi at (248) 651-9361 to discuss this caring ministry. Stephen Ministry is "*Christ caring for people through people.*"

FLU SHOTS/BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Sunday, October 10; 10:00-1:00 p.m.; Hickey Hall

Flu shots will be given to anyone 9 years and older for \$25.00. Pneumonia shots are \$50.00. Payment can also be made with Medicare Part B (including Medicare advantage plans), HAP, Blue Care Network, Health Plus of MI, and Priority Health. Checks and cash also accepted. Blood pressures will be taken during this time, and valuable information can be picked up about cold and flu prevention and relief.



WALKING IN FAITH FOR FALL 2010

Join us in this cooler weather for a nice long walk. If you like to walk faster or slower than the core group, you are still welcome to come and we will work to find you a walking partner - better yet, bring a friend who can stride out with you! If you are interested about a walking group, starting a group near you, or to report mileage, please email Susan Amick at newdawniyoga@yahoo.com. Continue to track your mileage - we are still making progress as we head to Liberia! Current groups are:
Tuesday, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.; in front of Hickey Hall
Thursday evenings; southwest Rochester, contact Lynn Loeb (248) 375-9304

**** Childcare is available for events and classes with this notation. Call the church office (248) 651-9361 ext. 114, to register by 3:00 p.m. at least 2 business days prior to the first class. Ability to provide childcare will be based on a minimum RSVPs received prior to the first class or event date.**

For current events and happenings, visit our website: www.stpaulsrochester.org

SERVING CONNECTIONS

BALDWIN CENTER HOMELESS LUNCH

Second Monday of each month; 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Do you want to feel great? Join us each month in serving lunch to the homeless at the Baldwin Center. You will leave with a happy heart knowing you helped feed a hungry family. For more information, contact Nancy Almond at (248) 496-2136.

In 2008, the average person's age of those living homeless in the tri-county area was 9-years-old.

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP

Beverly, Kentucky; October 17-23, 2010

Working with churches from across the country, our church team will repair homes to keep residents safe, warm, and dry in the winter. For more information about Red Bird Mission, contact Bob Conger at (248) 515-5163.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Sound and Light Ministries:

Volunteers are needed to operate the sound and light system during worship & special events. No experience needed; training is provided. For more information, contact Ginny Ames at (248) 375-1911.

Special Mailings: We are looking for men and women to help with church wide mailings and special projects. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours about 4 times a year, please contact Karen in the church office at (248) 651-9361. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship and service.

TIGER BASEBALL GAME

On Saturday, August 21, Membership Committee, with special help from Roger Tayloe, 50 people from St. Paul's attended a Tiger baseball game. The weather was warm, the seats were great and the hot dogs were warm and tasty. Most importantly the Detroit Tigers won the baseball game. Fantastic fireworks followed the game and a wonderful time was had by everyone!



PICNIC & BASEBALL GAME

St. Paul's Youth versus Adults
The sun was shining and the clear, blue sky above set the stage on that August day for the much anticipated slow pitch softball game. The St. Paul's young and energy-filled Youth versus the Adults, who had wisdom and experience on their side, plus a keen awareness of their own physical frailty! The final score was one higher for the Youth than Adults. *Please see Phil Swisher's complete (and semi-accurate) report posted on Rev. Latha Ravi's door and in the education wing.*



DONATION STATION

FOOD PANTRY

October 10

The Food Pantry is asking that we bring in **apple juice** to assist them this month. Look for the shopping cart in the Narthex and leave your items there.

NOISY OFFERING

October 10

We will be collecting a "noisy" offering with proceeds going to support the **Henri Dennis School in Liberia**. Please bring your coins!

BALDWIN CENTER

October 10

The Baldwin Center in Pontiac is requesting that we bring in **diapers in sizes 4, 5 or 6** to assist them as they help others. There will be a donation area in the Narthex.

BAPTISM SUNDAYS

November 28

January 16

If you would like to be included or need additional information, please call the church office at (248) 651-9361.

Looking Forward. . .

Below are upcoming events to schedule on your calendar. Watch future communications for details:

November

- 3rd Church Conference (7:00 p.m.)
- 7th Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back 1 hour)
- 14th New Members Received (11:00 a.m.)
- 21st CINN Sunday (fresh cinnamon rolls)
- 23rd Thanksgiving Service (7:30 p.m.)
- 25th Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
- 26th Office Closed
- 28th Baptism Sunday

For more information, please contact the church: (248) 651-9361