

# The St. Paul's Evangel

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### MONDAY, December 21st:

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Epworth Choir – Choir Room

### TUESDAY, December 22nd:

9:00 a.m. Full Staff – Parlor

9:30 a.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Walking in Faith – meet near Hickey Hall

6:00 p.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, December 23rd:

9:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group – Call (248) 652-3937

### THURSDAY, December 24th: [Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – noon]

4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve worship – Sanctuary (Rev. Jack Amick)

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship – Sanctuary (Rev. Jeff Regan)

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship – Sanctuary (Rev. Jeff Regan)

### FRIDAY, December 25th: [MERRY CHRISTMAS!]

CHURCH CLOSED

### SATURDAY, December 26th:

10:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123

### A WORD CONCERNING YEAR-END GIVING & YEAR-END GIFTS

As always, December is “catch-up” month. The Finance Committee is aware of that reality. Pledges are behind and our apportionments are due. If your pledge is not up to date, please help us by sending it in. Thank you!

We need to share the guidelines from the IRS under which we are required to operate. In addition to current year gifts, some prepay next year's pledge with year-end gifts. We are very happy for those decisions, but please note that it is not sufficient to just DATE your check for the year 2009. All gifts for credit in the year 2009 must be dated 2009 and RECEIVED by the church by December 31 or POSTMARKED in the year 2009. Also, if you are prepaying a 2010 pledge, please make that notation on the check and envelope. Thank you for your continued, faithful support.

### LOGOS ~~ Wednesday Nights

If you are in 3rd - 8th grade and haven't experienced LOGOS, then now is the time to sign up. LOGOS kicks backs off on Wednesday, January 6 with a “Winter Wonderland”. You won't want to miss the action packed nights of games, dinner and Bible study. If you haven't already registered, contact Susan Mason at 248-651-9361 to get all the details.

### GOD & COUNTRY ~~ Open to all Youth – Grades 3rd – 12th

Wednesdays, January 6 – February 10; 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

(no class on January 27); Cost: \$32

While God & Country is recognized by scouting to achieve religious service awards, God & Country is open to all youth who desire to grow stronger in faith and in service to God. While participants receive recognition and awards at the 9:00 a.m. service on Scout Sunday, February 14, they also acquire lifelong lessons from studying the Bible, working with an adult Christian, getting to know their pastor, and designing their own projects to reinforce Bible lessons. All program materials, dinner and awards are included in the cost. Contact Susan Mason at (248) 651-9361 for registration and more information.

## Faith First

**January: Money and Manna**  
Living Abundantly even in Scarcity

### GOOD SENSE BUDGET COURSE

Biblical Financial Principles for Transforming Your Finances and Life

Sunday, January 10; 4:00-7:30 p.m.; Parlor

and Wednesdays January 13, 20, 27, and February 3; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Parlor

Learn how you can experience grace, joy, and freedom through Biblical financial principles. This nationally renowned Christian budgeting program will be kicked off Sunday, January 10 by Rev. David Bell, V.P. of Stewardship; Methodist Foundation of Michigan. The introductory session will cover the first two units of the program and include a light supper. The next four sessions will be led by Mike Gable on the following Wednesday evenings. It is recommended that participants complete some preliminary sections of the book prior to the first session. The cost for a book and dinner January 10: \$12 for 1 person, \$14 for 2 people, and \$16 for a family. Please contact the church office at (248) 651-9361 to reserve your book and dinner. \*\* Call the church for childcare information.

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### PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Jeffery D. Regan

Rev. Jack Amick

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Dr. Wm. Jean Randall

Stacie Buckler

St. Paul's is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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## MUSIC SUNDAY

St. Paul's Choirs and members of the  
Rochester Symphony Orchestra

Present:

  
Vivaldi's Magnificat

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

### English Translation of the Magnificat:

Magnificat \* anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus \* in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:

\* ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies \* timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo \* dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, \* et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis: \* et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscipit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros \* Abraham at semini eius in saecula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, \* et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, \* et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid:

for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH

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

Dr. Randall, Director of Music; Rick MacDonald, Head Usher 9:00 a.m.; David Beerer, Head Usher 11:00 a.m.; Leslie Schneider, Greeter Coordinator.

INFANT NURSERY: Room 115

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

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLDS: Room 127

GOD'S SPECIAL GIFTS (*For All Ages*): Room 207

### 9:15 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

EARLY 5's/KINDERGARTEN: Room 126

FIRST/SECOND GRADE: Room 125

THIRD/FOURTH GRADE: Room 124

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE: the Lounge

### 10:00 a.m. COFFEE HOUR: Bridge; Pinochle Groups, Host.

INFANT NURSERY: Room 115

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

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE:

CHERUB CHOIR: ages 3 – 2nd grade – Room 123

CRUSADER CHOIR: 3rd – 7th grade – Bell Room

5 YEARS – FIFTH GRADE “Kid’s Own Worship”: Room 126

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL: the Lounge

FAITH AND FAMILY: Parents of Teens/College Students: Room 132

FAMILY LIFE: Empty Nesters, Grandparents, Retirees: Parlor

TIME-OUT: Parents of Young Children: Room 128

BIBLE STUDY: Room 131

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

6:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY – offsite

6:30 p.m. DISCIPLE III – Room 131

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Doris and Clyde Sickles by their daughter, Linda Sickles.

## BALDWIN AVENUE CENTER

UMW is purchasing gloves and hats and your contributions can help! Please mark your envelope or check as “UMW Gloves.” Contact: Jeanne Pichel 248-651-8956.

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY ...

High School students: It's a Pasta Party for Christmas at Stacie's house from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20. Come for some great food and don't forget to bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

## Christmas Eve Services

### Family Service

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.; Rev. Jack Amick  
(childcare provided for children birth through age 4)

This is a family oriented worship service that will retell the Christmas story in a beautiful pageant by our own St. Paul's families. Children and families are invited for this special evening of celebration and praise. There will be glo sticks for children and candles for adults.

### Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Regan  
(childcare provided for children birth through age 4)

Thursday, December 24 at 11:00 p.m.; Rev. Regan



## COFFEE HOUR

Historically, Sunday morning Coffee Hour (or better known as donut time by our little ones) has been hosted by the various classes, committees and groups of St. Paul's. This coming year we would like to offer to all St. Paul's members the opportunity to host a coffee hour. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lynn Loeb's to be added to the schedule. (248-375-9304 or lloeb@wideopenwest.com).

## MUSIC SUNDAY ~~ DECEMBER 20

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT ~~POINSETTIA SUNDAY

### 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Esurientes* (Vivaldi) Dorothy Duensing, Mezzo

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Chime Choir, Karen Rider Director

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 234

### INVOCATION

ANTHEM *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep* (Lenel)

Cherub and Crusader Choirs, Andrea Arnold and Gretchen Schleicher Directors

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

9:00 a.m. Jon and Nicole Hodges & family

11:00 a.m. Walt and Daniel Letwin

CHORAL RESPONSE: (#2085) He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love. Hallelujah forevermore.

ANTHEM *Do You Hear What I Hear* (arr. Simeone)

Youth Choir, Betsy Marsh Director

(As we stand to sing, children leave to attend Sunday School)

[Note: Those children interested in staying to hear the music, are welcome to do so]

\*HYMN *In the Bleak Midwinter* 221

### PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE: (#898) 3-fold Amen

OFFERTORY *I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In* (Dobinski) Wesley Ringers

\*DOXOLOGY (#94) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:46b-55

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

Vivaldi's "MAGNIFICAT"

Chancel and Epworth Choirs

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Joy to the World* 246

### \*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: (#671, vs.1) Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

### \*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE *God Among Us* (Messiaen)

\* (Please stand as you are able)

## Guest Musicians ~~ Vivaldi's "MAGNIFICAT"

Susan Clark Joul, Soprano  
Dorothy Duensing, Mezzo  
Dr. Joe Bentley, Baritone, Tenor  
Sherri Magno, Concert Master, First Violin  
Bill Milicevic, First Violin  
Tamara Goldfaden, First Violin  
James Greer, Second Violin  
Lyuhan Sun, Second Violin  
Mary Margaret St. John, Second Violin

Katie Williams, Viola  
Tracey Riggs, Viola  
Joan Hovda, Cello  
Tim Nicolina, Cello  
Don Lewandowski, Bass  
Tim Michling, Oboe  
Mark Cooney, Oboe  
Betsy Marsh, Organ