

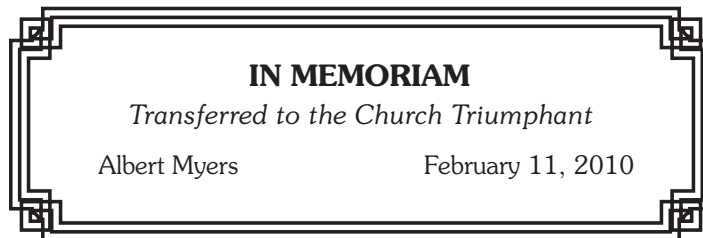
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
***SONGS** *Let the River Flow*
We Fall Down
SMALL TALK Children are invited to come to the Communion Rail
 (Children leave to attend "Fun with Faith" in Rickard Chapel)
***SONG** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* 2128
JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER 895
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
OFFERING *All For Jesus* (Stainer) Epworth Choir
SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

**MESSAGE: "STAY ON TRACK"
REV. JEFF REGAN**

***SONG** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* 2151
***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

*(Please stand as you are able)



PRAYING YOUR WAY TO JERUSALEM
Tuesdays - Fridays during Lent
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.

LENTEN "FRIDAYS AT NOON" CONCERT SERIES

Fridays beginning March 5; Noon – Sanctuary and Parlor
 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. The lineup includes Steve Warner on March 5; Johnny Kash on March 12; Heather Nofar on March 19; and Joseph Daniel on March 26. Bring your lunch and join others in the Parlor for food and fellowship following the concert. Coffee and tea will be provided.

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.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

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

Tuesdays – Fridays during LENT:

11:30 a.m. "Praying Your Way to Jerusalem" (Led by: Rev. Jack Amick) – Rickard Chapel

MONDAY, March 1st:

9:30 a.m. Love and Logic – Room 132
 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir – Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – Hickey Hall
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 123 – Rooms 120 – 123
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Parent Meeting – Room 129
 7:00 p.m. Epworth Choir – Choir Room
 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Brass Rehearsal – Balcony

TUESDAY, March 2nd:

9:00 a.m. Full Staff – Parlor
 9:30 a.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Walking in Faith – meet outside Hickey Hall
 1:30 p.m. Book Group ("Presumed Innocent") – Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Wolf Pack 902 – Rooms 124
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Room 132
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Hickey Hall
 7:30 p.m. Co-Op Board Meeting – Rooms 128, 129

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd:

9:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group – Call (248) 652-3937
 9:30 a.m. H.U.G.S. – Rickard Chapel
 5:00 p.m. LOGOS ("Dr. Seuss Night") / 360° – Hickey Hall, the Lounge
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation – Rickard Chapel
 7:00 p.m. The Last Week (Led by: Rev. Jack Amick) – Parlor
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY, March 4th:

9:00 a.m. DISCIPLE I Bible Study – Room 131
 9:00 a.m. DISCIPLE II Bible Study – Room 132
 10:00 a.m. The Last Week (Led by: Rev. Latha Ravi) – Rooms 128, 129
 6:30 p.m. Canterbury Ringers – Bell Room
 7:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers – Bell Room
 7:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group – Rooms 131, 132

FRIDAY, March 5th:

9:00 a.m. Career Networking Group – Room 132
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Concert Series – Sanctuary, Parlor
 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon – Room 123
 2:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123

SATURDAY, March 6th:

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Study – Hickey Hall
 9:30 a.m. Lenten Silent Breakfast – Hickey Hall
 10:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123
 10:15 a.m. Lenten Program & Prayer Vigil – Rickard Chapel

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Canon in D* (Pacabel) St. Paul's Brass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* 295

UNISON PRAYER: (People seated) Steadfast God, we give You thanks for the way You lead us through life by Your love. Forgive us when we want to avoid the way of the cross; when we want to take the easy path. Forgive us when we are tempted to walk the way of the world. You never promised that there would be no burden; only that it would be light. So do not take that burden away, oh God, but keep us on track and allow us to run towards Your goal, all the days of our lives. 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

MUSIC *Celebration* (Whitbey) St. Paul's Brass
 (As we stand to sing, children leave to attend "Fun with Faith" in Rickard Chapel)

***PSALTER** Psalm 27 758-759

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 881

***GLORIA PATRI** 71

***HYMN** *I Am Thine, O Lord* 419

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE: (#898) 3-fold Amen

OFFERTORY *Abide With Me* (Webster) Chancel Choir

***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: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

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

SERMON: "STAY ON TRACK" – REV. JEFF REGAN

***RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *O For a Heart to Praise My God* 417

***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** *Canzona per Sonare No. 4* (Gabrieli) St. Paul's Brass

*(Please stand as you are able)

SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH

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

Preacher: Rev. Jeff Regan; Dr. Randall, Director of Music; Larry Ternan, Head Usher 9:00 a.m.; Tom Zebehazi, Head Usher 11:00 a.m.; Patty Bochenek, 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. "FUN WITH FAITH":

KINDERGARTEN – SIXTH GRADE: Rickard Chapel

10:00 a.m. COFFEE HOUR: Disciple I, Disciple II, and Disciple III Classes, Host.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Rev. Regan's Office

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 – 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: Rickard Chapel

BIBLE STUDY: Room 131

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

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

6:30 p.m. DISCIPLE III – Room 131

7:00 p.m. HARMONY IN THE HILLS CONCERT "Zenith Brass" – Sanctuary



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of St. Paul's UMC by Jean and Earl Bryant. Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, William and Florence Wells, by Gladys Stebbins.

WE'RE GOING GREEN TO SAVE SOME GREEN

While we seek new ways to be good stewards of our resources in these tough financial times, we have made the decision to discontinue mailing the Evangel to more than 1,100 homes on a weekly basis. The February 28, 2010, Evangel will be the last one mailed.

There are a number of reasons behind this decision. First, this is one of the least disruptive ways for us to save more than \$15,000 annually in printing and postage costs ... not to mention the environmental effects of ink, paper, printing, distribution, etc. Many members have suggested this as a cost-saving measure for years now. Second, we did not want to cut from higher-priority areas, such as missions and programming. Third, we are currently using additional, less expensive and less time-consuming ways to communicate, including our weekly e-mail newsletter, the "St. Paul's Connector," and our website (www.stpaulsrochester.org), which includes upcoming events on the home page, a weekly calendar and a downloadable PDF of all Evangel.

Rest assured that we will continue to make weekly announcements in church, have a bulletin available for worship services – AND – those who do not have e-mail access may sign up to get a copy of the Evangel mailed to their home on a weekly basis.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge our volunteer/members who have helped us through the years on our weekly Evangel labels/mailings. Thank you for your weekly commitment!



ZENITH BRASS ~ Mark Petty, Director

Sunday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Zenith Brass will perform on Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They are a group of 35 talented youth brass and percussion players, directed by Mark Petty. 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 \$10.00; children 12 and under are free.

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 (Rickard Chapel)

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)



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.

CO-OP PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

~~ MAX & ERMA ~~ Tuesday, March 9

Bring your appetite and come support St. Paul's Co-op Preschool on March 9 at Max & Erma's at Walton and Adams. 20% of the proceeds from your lunch or dinner will benefit the Preschool. You must have a certificate to give to the server. They will be available in the Narthex area. Just pick one up and take it with you that day. Thanks!

HEALTH MINISTRIES BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC/MINI HEALTH FAIR

March 14 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Narthex

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and yet it is highly preventable. **FREE** colorectal cancer screening kits will be available on March 14. The American Cancer Society recommends adults aged 50 and older get tested for the disease. People with colon cancer in their families may need to start getting tested when they are younger. If colon cancer is found early, the survival rate is 90%. Yet only 39% of colon cancers are found at this early stage. Don't wait for signs or symptoms to go to the doctor – get tested today and prevent colon cancer before it starts. Pick up your colorectal screening kit, do the procedure at home, and mail it back to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. St. Joe's will personally notify you of the results.

Have your blood pressure checked and pick up valuable information in the Narthex about "Cancer Awareness", as well as your **FREE** colorectal screening kit.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: "THE LAST WEEK"

Thursday mornings, continuing through March 25

(10:00 a.m. – Rooms 128, 129)

Wednesday evenings, continuing through March 31

(7:00 p.m. – Parlor)

Join Rev. Latha Ravi on Thursday mornings or Rev. Jack Amick on Wednesday evenings 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.

H.U.G.S. MOTHERS' GROUP

Mothers of all ages offering Humor, Understanding, Growth, and Support

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., March 3 – Rickard Chapel
HUGS Group for Mom's of ALL ages will begin our annual Women of the Bible study, Wednesday morning March 3. Presentations each week will be made by members of the group, based on the book, *Wonder Women of the Bible*, by Brenda Poinsett. The presentations are lively and fun, and the messages to us from Women of the Bible are inspiring. HUGS meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Rickard Chapel (new venue). ** See childcare note.

LENTEN SILENT BREAKFAST & PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, March 6; 9:30 a.m.; Hickey Hall, Rickard Chapel
All members of St. Paul's congregation are invited to the Silent Lenten Breakfast and Program sponsored by the UMW on Saturday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. We will begin in Hickey Hall and move to Rickard Chapel at 10:15 a.m. Our program will include a brief history of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial which began in 1887. Our speaker is Coralene Bloss, a representative of the Heifer Project; one of the projects the UMW supports.

The day will continue with a Prayer Vigil in Rickard Chapel. Anyone wishing to be a part of the vigil may come and spend time in prayer following the program until 2:00 p.m. Besides your personal petitions, the requests written by those attending the breakfast will be available for your focus during that time.

LENTEN POTLUCK SUPPER & HYMN SING

Sunday, March 7, 5:00 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. Followed by a Hymn Sing in Rickard Chapel.

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.

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