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St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

July/August 2018

Pastor's Message



Greetings in Jesus Christ!

If there was a word that once again best describes July and August, it would be the word “new!” In July, we welcome our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Erin Fitzgerald, her husband, Rev. Joel Fitzgerald (who will be serving at Sterling Heights UMC), and their son, Michael. Please extend a warm greeting to them as you see them in church and around our community. They will be moving into the parsonage later in July, while Sara, Ryan, and I move to our new house in Rochester Hills.

We continue our summer worship schedule with the outdoor service at 8:30 a.m., and at 10 a.m. the traditional Sanctuary service and the Open Door service in Hickey Hall. Summer is a great time to invite family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join you for worship and enjoy an inspirational morning of praise to the God of all creation.

Another new thing will be the front parking lot. Due to your ongoing support of Project IMPACT, the front parking lot will be resurfaced in early August. This will be a significant improvement and create a smoother and safer space for guests and members as they enter the church from Romeo Street.

In Isaiah God says, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (43:19). Yes, God is doing a number of new things here at St. Paul’s. Look around and see all that is occurring so that we may make more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and our local community. To God be the glory!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Pastor David Eardley

Welcome Rev. Erin Fitzgerald

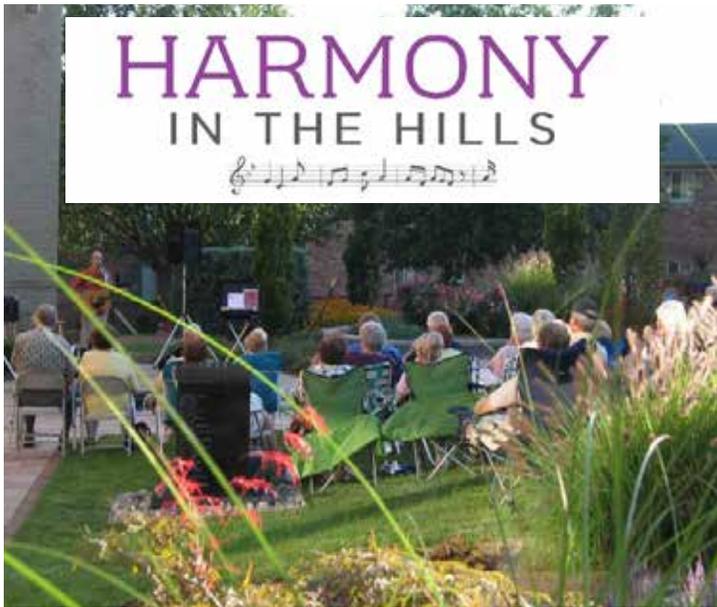
Reception Sunday, July 8; 11 a.m. in Hickey Hall

July 1, St. Paul’s welcomes Rev. Erin Fitzgerald as Associate Pastor of St. Paul’s UMC. Please join us as we welcome Pastor Erin and her family to our church at a reception on Sunday, July 8 following the 10 a.m. service in Hickey Hall.

Rev. Fitzgerald is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. A graduate of Albion College, she taught kindergarten for one year before enrolling in seminary at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. She comes to us from St. Paul’s UMC in Grand Rapids, MI. Erin finds her greatest joy in the areas of children and family ministries, missions and outreach, and worship leadership. She is an ebullient and energetic leader, with a heart and compassion for all people. God has given her a innovative spirit and a zeal for sharing love with new people in new places, and is now calling her to new church start ministries. Erin also has a passion for social justice, particularly around issues surrounding maternal-infant health. She is a certified postpartum doula and teaches prenatal yoga classes.

Erin is married to Rev. Joel Fitzgerald, who will serve at Sterling Heights UMC. They have one son, Michael (age 2), and a dog, Lucky.





Concerts in the Garden

Wednesdays in the Garden of Hope

- **June 20 at 7:30 p.m.** The Depot Town Players
- **July 18 at 7:30 p.m.** Dr. Randall presents Carillons for Organ (in Sanctuary)
- **August 15 at 7 p.m.** Sarah Barnes D'Angelo Jazz Quintet

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy great music in a beautiful setting. **Free admission.**



Blood Drive

Monday, August 6; 1 - 6:45 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Due to the extraordinary need for blood, the Red Cross has asked St. Paul's to sponsor a summer blood drive. Blood supplies become critically low at this time of year and with summer vacations, giving blood is not on everyone's mind. Sign-up in the Narthex on Sundays beginning July 22 or register online at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: stpaulunited) or by calling Tom Zebehazy at 248-370-0797.

On Finances:

Through the end of April, the Church continues to have a modest surplus of income verses expenses in spite of extra maintenance cost. Snow removal, salting, and heating expense were \$15,000 over the planned amount for the January to April period.



The second year of Project IMPACT, our facility upgrading project, was launched over the Mother's Day weekend. A mailing has been sent to members whom have not yet pledged to the effort. A suggested pledge of \$500 to \$1000 over the two years would significantly help us achieve our goal of \$880,000 over three years. We have raised nearly \$500,000 so far. Consider joining the effort if you are able. A donation of any amount will help bring our church campus to a safe and up-to-date condition.

Work on the front parking lot and sidewalk is planned for this summer. Replacement of nearly 50 year-old sump pumps was completed in March at a cost of \$20,000.

Ron DiLiddo

Finance Committee Chair



Praise in the Park

Sunday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Jimmy John Field; 7171 Auburn Road, Utica

Join us as the Open Door Service has its day at the ballpark with a **service at 10:30 a.m. on the field.**

No service in Hickey Hall at 10 a.m. that day. Tickets are \$27 which includes food and beverage, and the baseball game at 1:05 p.m. If you don't stay for the game, you may attend the service for free. Buy tickets in the church office before August 17.

Classes & Groups



HUGS Terrific Tuesdays

Mothers & grandmothers of all ages
Tuesdays, June 26, July 10 & August 7
10 a.m. - noon in Room 132

Everyone is welcome to our new summer program.
*Childcare is available by reservation.



SPARK: Book Group

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

July 19 *The Handmaid's Tale*
by Margaret Atwood

August 16 *The Boys in the Boat*
by Daniel James Brown

Join us - we welcome new members! If you have questions, call Karen Clemons at 248-656-5183.



Come together with other women
to make a friend...
be a friend... laugh...
dig into God's Word together
and discover new ways to
Live In Faith Everyday.



Women's LIFE Summer Sampler

Mondays, June 18 - August 13 (no class July 2)
7 - 9 p.m. in Room 128-129

Join us for a variety of fun activities held on Monday evenings, continuing our theme of finding JOY in our lives (ice cream party, pool party, soap making, intro to yoga, sharing our faith stories, and more!). All women are invited & welcome. It's an easy way to invite a friend to join you at your church! For full schedule, contact Shelly Cowling at gracenotemin@sbcglobal.net.



Conversation Peace

The Power of Transformed Speech
Wednesdays, June 20 - August 1
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Come early for coffee and refreshments!

Have you ever wished you could communicate better with those around you? Good news - you can learn!

Your speech can be transformed as you discover the power of navigation, exchange, cause & effect and more. Please pick up books and, where possible, do 'Week One' prior to first class.

Books: \$15, payable at first class.

Led by Brenda Younker, Nancy Fidler & Amy Ritenburgh.

*Childcare available by reservation.

*** Childcare available by reservation - To reserve childcare, call the church office at 248-651-9361 ext. 114 by 3 p.m. at least 2 business days prior to the first class.**

We need your photos!

Photo Yearbook

The 2018 Pictorial Directory will not include activity photos from church events. St. Paul's plans to publish a 2017-18 photo yearbook this fall.

If your group held a memorable event, please send a quality photo that includes the name of the activity and the date of the event to Debbie at debbie@stpaulsrochester.org by July 30. Photos will be used based on space allocation, quality and the statement the photo makes about the activity.

2018 Pictorial Directory



Have a great vacation this summer! Since you may be away, please consider signing up for eGiving. It enables you to keep your contributions flowing to St. Paul's while you enjoy the sun and fun. It is simple and you control the timing, amount, and manner to contribute (checking, savings or credit card). Enrollment instructions are on the **GIVE** tab at stpaulsrochester.org or call the church office at 248-651-9361. Be an eGiver and join the almost 200 other givers who have thrown away their checkbook.

Mobile Libraries in Uganda - Our Children Are Helping Too!

St. Paul's has committed to raising \$32,000 this year for three Mobile Libraries in Uganda to increase literacy rates among children. Only 39% are of Ugandan children are literate. Many factors contribute to culture of literacy, but key infrastructure and books are missing in Uganda as public libraries do not exist and children are not able to take text books from school home.

We will happily accept cans of powdered lemonade to help us toward our goal. The lemonade stand will be run by the children on these summer mornings after worship and a donation of any size will get you a nice, cool glass of lemonade. **Thanks for your support!**

The Lemonade Brigade is back!

June 17

July 15

August 12
after worship



Volunteers Needed!
Community Outreach Events

Rochester Fireworks June 27
Arts & Apples September 7-9
OPC Expo 50+ October 3

The FISH (Faith, Invitation, Sharing, Hospitality) Committee is taking the good news of St. Paul's to the streets and festivals of Rochester this summer and fall. Our booth at the Rochester Heritage Festival in May was a big success drawing attention to summer activities at St. Paul's and raffling off a gift certificate to Kruse & Muer. We will again have a booth at the Rochester Fireworks and the OPC 50+ Expo with information about St. Paul's and a button making activity for children. We will also work the Arts and Apples festival as gatekeepers to collect money for tickets at the gate and hand out information about St. Paul's. We will receive a portion of the proceeds from the Arts and Apples event which will go to the Mobile Libraries for Uganda mission project. If you can help out in any of these events, please contact Rob Patten at robpattenjr@comcast.net.



St. Paul's Mission Project 2018 Mobile Libraries in Uganda

In 2018, St. Paul's members will participate in the Brooksie Way fundraiser to raise \$32,000 for three Mobile Libraries in Uganda to increase literacy rates among children.

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Many factors contribute to culture of literacy, but key infrastructure and books are missing in Uganda as public libraries do not exist and children are not able to take text books from school home. **Help us reach our goal this year.**

What You Can Do

- **Offer a Gift** Please write "Mobile Libraries" on the envelope and the memo line of your check to St. Paul's UMC.
- **Bike in the 17th Annual Tour De Troit on Saturday, September 15** and raise funds in support of your participation. Register at tour-de-troit.org/tour-de-troit.
- **Run or walk in the 2018 Brooksie Way on Sunday, September 23** Register at thebrooksieway.com using St. Paul's Rochester UMC group name. Discount codes are available on our website at stpaulsrochester.org.
- **Raise funds in support of your participation** Ask family and friends to donate through Crowdrise link on our website stpaulsrochester.org/missions.
- Unable to participate in the event?
Support a church member!



Please contact JoAnn Klak at klakattk@wowway.com for more information.

Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

Vacation Bible School

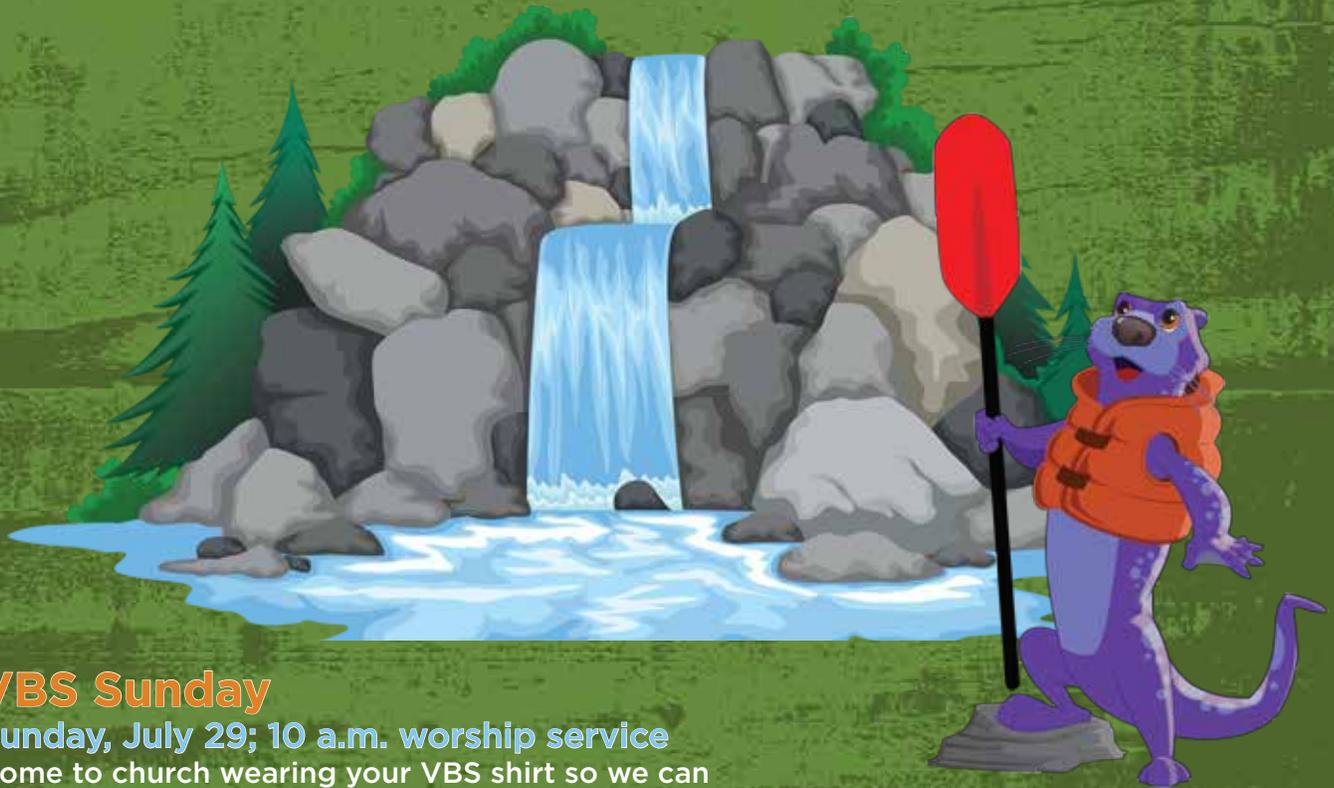


For children age 4
through 5th grade

July 23 - 27

9 a.m. - noon

Volunteers Needed!



VBS Sunday

Sunday, July 29; 10 a.m. worship service

Come to church wearing your VBS shirt so we can
celebrate our fantastic week with our church family!

Registration deadline is July 9 - stpaulsrochester.org/vbs/

Summer Sunday School

June 24 - September 2

Elementary students: This summer, join us for **IMAGINE**, during 10 a.m. worship for our K-5th grade Sunday school experience.

We will dive into the Bible to investigate, explore and imagine the ways that God's word speaks to each of us. Your child will begin the morning in worship and then go to Room 122-123 for **IMAGINE**.

We will continue **Fun with Faith** in the Parlor on the following Sundays:



- June 17
- July 15
- August 12

Birth to 4 years of age: Childcare will be provided in the Toddler Room (Room 116-117) at **both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services.**



St. Paul's
PRESCHOOL
stpaulsrochester.org/preschool

Registration for Fall 2018

Young 3's class: T, Th
 3's class: M, W, F
 4's class: M - F
 9 a.m. to noon

Register NOW - Space is limited!

St. Paul's Preschool provides high-quality learning with emphasis on the individuality of each child. Our certified teaching staff will engage your child in hands-on experiences and exploration activities that nurture their basic developmental needs: physical, language, cognitive, social, and emotional.

Schedule a tour! Email: preschool@stpaulsrochester.org.

Learn more at our website: stpaulsrochester.org/preschool.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

High School Worktrip Houston, TX; July 8 - 15

Pray for us as we serve in Houston for Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery. Please join us on **Sunday, July 22** when we share our report and video in worship and at a **reception at 9:30 a.m. in the Narthex.** **Thank you for your prayers and support.**



2018 Worktrip Participants:

18 Youth: Nathan Feidner, Alexa Fenchak, Louie Hager, Meredith Heberling, Annie Heitman, Lilly Heitman, Maria Klak, Nick Klak, Abby Larson, Anthony Masini, Nick Masini, Tommy McGowan, Mike McGowan, Grace Pia, Kaleb Price, Alex Redden, Chloe Schultz, Sydney Stuermer

10 Adults: Forrest Boughner, Krista Hughes, Lynn Loeb, Patti McGowan, Kim Merola, Grant Renny, Jon Reynolds, Joe Stephan, Jodi Stuermer, Dave Younker



Youth Group

Chill 'n Chat

Tuesdays, June 19, July 31 and August 14

10:30 a.m. - noon in the Lounge

Drop in, hang out, and have some fun. Snacks will be provided. June's activity will be the Sole Hope service project.



Movie Night in the Garden

Thursday, August 16

8 - 10:30 p.m.

Bring your friends, blankets and lawn chairs and join us for a night of fun.

Summer Worship Schedule through August 26

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Informal Service (under the canopy near the Narthex) This more relaxed worship service features praise music, prayer, a brief message, and a warm welcome. It's an inspiring way to begin your summer Sunday morning among friends!

10 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary) This liturgical worship service features mostly classical music, hymns, sermon, and congregational readings. Through engaging and meaning-filled ritual, we give God glory and praise in welcoming community.

10 a.m. The Open Door (Hickey Hall) This casual service in a modern setting focuses on touching people's lives with God's love through messages relevant to daily life.



SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

Outdoor - 8:30 a.m. · Traditional - 10 a.m. in Sanctuary

July

1	Holy Communion		
	Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus Syndrome	Rev. Grimmett
8	Luke 22:14-20	Bind us Together or No Meal, No Peace	Rev. Grimmett
15	Matthew 28:16-20	Find Peace!	Rev. Eardley
22	Ephesians 2:10	Houston Youth Worktrip Report	Youth
29	Isaiah 43:2	Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God	Amy Heitman

August

5	Holy Communion		
	Jeremiah 17:7-8	David Brin's The Postman	Rev. Eardley
12	Luke 10:25-37	Indiscriminate Compassion	Rev. May
19	Isaiah 11:1-9	Gregory Berns' How Dogs Love Us	Rev. Eardley
26	John 6:60-69	In Times Like These	Rev. Grimmett

The Open Door Service · Modern - 10 a.m. in Hickey Hall

July

1	Luke 19:1-10	Find Joy!	Rev. Fitzgerald
8	Luke 22:14-20	Find Rest!	Rev. Fitzgerald
15	Matthew 28:16-20	Find Peace!	Rev. Fitzgerald
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August

5	Matthew 5:43-48	A Wind at the Door	Leslie Bennett
12	Isaiah 43:1-2	God's Power and Presence	Rev. Fitzgerald
19	Open Door at Jimmy John Field	God's Mercies are New	Rev. Fitzgerald
26	John 6:1-14	Loaves and Fishes	Rev. Fitzgerald



Sermon Series July & August

Holy Communion

July 1 & August 5 at all services

The sacrament of Holy Communion celebrates the presence of Christ and helps us find strength for Christian living. In the United Methodist Church, communion is open to all who intend to lead a Christian life.



Noisy Offering

We will be collecting a "noisy" offering with proceeds going to support:

July 8

August 12

Please bring your coins!

High School Worktrip
Vacation Bible School

Upcoming Baptism Dates



September 16 & November 25

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an important event in the life of a child and the Church. The sacrament of baptism is open to children and adults. We know that families need time to plan and "gather the clan" for the day. Contact the church office at 248-651-9361 for more information.

Looking Ahead...

September

2 nd	10 a.m. Worship in Sanc. & HH
3 rd	Labor Day - Office Closed
9 th	Begin Fall Worship Schedule 9 & 11 a.m. services
11 th	UMW Annual Meeting
15 th	Harmony in the Hills Concert
16 th	Baptisms
18 th	YAHAs
20 th	SPARK Book Group
22 nd	Blessing of the Animals
23 rd	Brooksie Way Race
	Mobile Libraries fund-raiser
30 th	10 a.m. All Church Worship
	Welcome Back, Welcome In