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St. Paul's Newsletter

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St. Paul's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rochester, Michigan

May/June 2018



## Greetings in the name of the Risen Jesus Christ!

As we await spring to finally arrive, we're worshipping and serving the God of all creation here at church and in the world around us. I encourage you to give thanks for the many ways that God is at work in your life and in our church. I invite you to pray for the ways that God may use you to be a blessing in somebody else's life, to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Your invitation, your story of coming to faith, and your hospitality may be the very signs of grace that God will use to change someone's life forever.

I look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday as we give God our praise and celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ within our daily lives. It is a privilege for me to share in this journey of faith with all of you as your senior pastor.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Pastor David Eardley*

PS: I hope that you will read through this May/June Evangel and take note of all the exciting things that are happening at your church! Don't miss out!

**On Finances:** I am pleased to report that Church finances continue to be excellent. Revenue continues to match expectations and budget. Spending was higher than expected because of Easter and higher utility and maintenance expense. The cooler weather has increased utilities 10% above budget. The church spent more than received in March, but still has a surplus for the year to date.



Project IMPACT work continues with improvements to the lighting in the sanctuary and a major repair to the sump pumps in the church's basement. Work to resurface the front parking lot and fix the sidewalks and curbs is planned for this summer. Donations for Project IMPACT are ahead of pledges so we are paying for all improvement as we go. Please join our Project IMPACT effort with a gift this spring.

*Ron DiLiddo*

Finance Committee Chair



## St. Paul's Hospitality Summit

Thursday, April 26; 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

The FISH Committee is hosting a hospitality summit to thank all Greeters, Ushers and Ambassadors who have served in the previous year. We'll be sharing light refreshments, a thank you gift on behalf of the church, and we'll be giving out an award to someone who demonstrates outstanding hospitality. It's our way of saying thank you to everyone who has helped make St. Paul's a welcoming place.



## New Member Class

If you are interested in joining our church or learning more about our ministries, please attend our **Getting to Know** sessions.

## Getting to Know the Pastors

Sunday, April 29; 12:15 p.m. in Hickey Hall

If you have attended one service or you are a returning guest, we invite you to join us for a quick & informal lunch where you'll have an opportunity to meet our pastors. We want to get to know you! Reservations are not necessary. We'll bring the pizza and the pastors. We really hope you'll join us!



## Getting to Know You

Sunday, May 6  
10 - 11 a.m. in the Parlor

## Getting to Know St. Paul's

Sunday, May 13  
10 - 11 a.m. in the Parlor

## Getting to Know St. Paul's Family

Sunday, May 20 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor

We welcome those who choose to become members of St. Paul's at the service of their choice.

You are welcome to attend any or all of these sessions. Call the office at 248-651-9361 if you have any questions or plan to attend.

St. Paul's Walker Organ is 30 years old!



## Celebration Concert featuring Eugenio Maria Fagiani

Sunday, May 13  
4:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

Childcare available

Bring Mom to a Fantastic Mother's Day Concert



## HARMONY IN THE HILLS



Kerstin Allvin &  
Dr. Beverly Wesner-Hoehn

### Harp Duo Concert

Sunday, May 20 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Enjoy a delightful concert with two amazing artists. This duo have been performing together since their school days creating mirth, mischief and joy wherever they go! All tickets are general seating. Doors open at 3 p.m. **Tickets \$20 at iTickets.com** (\$25 at the door)



### Concerts in the Garden Garden of Hope

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy great music in a beautiful setting. Watch the Worship Program, the emailed Connector and our website [stpaulsrochester.org](http://stpaulsrochester.org) for more detailed information. Free admission.

• June 20      • July 18      • August 15  
7:30 p.m      7:30 p.m.      7 p.m.

## Christian Education Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, June 10; 9 and 11 a.m. worship services

We recognize and appreciate the dedication of our Christian Education volunteers. Make sure to say a word of thanks to all of our volunteers.

**We need Sunday school teachers and hallway greeters for next school year.** If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Amy Heitman at [Amy@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Amy@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Farewell Rev. Jon Reynolds

All-Church Worship

Sunday, June 17

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

You're invited to share in this special morning as we celebrate Rev. Jon Reynolds' six years of ministry at St. Paul's. We will gather for an all-church worship service at 10 a.m. where Rev. Reynolds will be preaching. Following the service, there will be a **farewell celebration for Jon, Lindsey, Joshua and Lydia** in Hickey Hall.



We are grateful for Jon's six years at St. Paul's and the many contributions he has made. While we are sad that he is leaving, we celebrate all that God has accomplished through our time together. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Rev. Reynolds, send a check to St. Paul's UMC and list his name on the envelope and on the memo line.

## Feel the Warmth

Stephen Ministry Training  
Info Meeting

Sunday, May 20

10 a.m. in the Parlor

Sometimes we need the presence of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting?

Join the Stephen Leaders for a short presentation and have questions answered, or contact Rev. Grimmert at 248-651-9361 or Susan Sonye at [susansonye@comcast.net](mailto:susansonye@comcast.net).

**A training class starts in September** where you'll meet with other trainees and our Stephen Leaders once a week for approximately 18 weeks, with commissioning in April 2019.

**Application deadline is May 31.**

Applications available in the office.



STEPHEN  
MINISTRY

# Classes & Groups

**HUGS** Humor, Understanding,  
Growth and Support  
Mothers and grandmothers of all ages  
Wednesdays; 9:30 - 11 a.m. Room 132

**May 2 Putting Plan B into Action:** Camille Doerr leads a compelling discussion on *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO and author of *Lean In*.

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m.** Bring an ingredient to include in a salad and stay for lunch. Bring your little guys in with us as we linger over conversation and lunch.

**May 9 Rummage Sale:** We support the UMW rummage sale by helping organize and price the donations while we share in the camaraderie and mission of the UMW during our regular meeting time.

**May 16 Celebration Brunch in Room 128-129:** Let's celebrate the new view! Join us for conversation and food as we celebrate spring and catch up with friends. Bring a dish to pass if you can — a formal invite will be sent closer to the event.

**May 23 Mugs & HUGS:** Planning session at Grand Traverse Pie Company (upstairs room - 6920 N. Rochester Road; 248-438-5110) Meet 10 - 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to brainstorm plans for next year. It's kid friendly so feel free to bring your little guys.

See [stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/](http://stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/) for more detailed information.

HUGS observes the Rochester Community Schools calendar. When schools are closed, HUGS will not meet. \*Childcare is available by reservation.



Planning Meeting  
**Community Garden**

Tuesday, May 1  
7 p.m.

Room 131

You are invited to get involved with our community garden project. Please come and plan the lots and vegetables

we will grow. **No previous gardening experience required!** Our mission is to grow healthy vegetables and donate 100% to the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry. For more information or to get added to our contact list, please contact Rob Patten at [robpattenjr@comcast.net](mailto:robpattenjr@comcast.net).



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.**



## 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 call the office at 248-651-9361 to sign up by June 13 and, where possible, pick up books and 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.

## Sunday Adult Studies

Sundays at 10 a.m. No class May 27

**Faith & Friends** Spiritual Growth Study; Room 132

We continue **Galatians: Why God Accepts Us**. Join us!

**Open Hearts** All Ages, Stages and Spiritual Levels; Room 131

For singles & couples, parents & non-parents. **All are welcome!**

**Family Life** Active Couples & Singles, 50 & older; Rickard Chapel

A welcoming place to learn and share as we enjoy discussions and presentations on a variety of Christian issues and topics.

May 6 Get to Know Rev. May

May 13 Habitat for Humanity- D. Vatalaro

May 20 Here I am Lord - P. Maranzano

May 27 UMC Detroit & MI Conf.- M. Watson

June 3 Bible by the Numbers- W. Creps

June 10 Year End Wrap Up- J. Meyers  
Picnic at Creps' home

## United Methodist Men

Saturday, May 5  
8 a.m. in Hickey Hall



### Pancakes with a Patriot

Meet & greet WWII hero Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, 96, member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Complimentary breakfast and free-will donation for Habitat for Humanity and Mobile Libraries for Uganda.

**All men are welcome!** RSVP by May 3 if you can to help with food count to Phil Swisher at 248-373-0623 or [swish1770@gmail.com](mailto:swish1770@gmail.com). To donate make checks to St. Paul's UMC with UMM in memo line.

## UMW Spring Dinner & Program

Thursday, May 3

6 p.m. - Circle Meetings  
6:30 p.m. - Potluck Dinner; Parlor  
7:15 p.m. - Program; Rickard Chapel

Join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, great food and an interesting program featuring **Lisa French** from **Chelsea United Methodist Retirement Community**. A World Thank Offering will be collected for Global Ministries which provide Christ like care around the world.

Circles will meet at 6 p.m. Guests are welcome! UMW invites you to join us at 6:30 for dinner in Hickey Hall. The Hostess Committee will provide rolls, drinks, dessert and place settings. UMW Members are asked to bring a dish (homemade or carry-out) to pass. Please RSVP to your circle chair or the church office at 248-651-9361.

\*Childcare available by reservation.



## Young At Heart Adults

Tuesday, May 15

YAHAS is a group for retirees or any who wish to participate.

**11 a.m.:** Visiting in Hickey Hall

**Noon:** Bring your own brown bag lunch and dessert will be provided.

RSVP to 248-651-9361 by May 11.

**1 p.m.:** Travel log - Vietnam by Norm and Karen Gilmore.



## 2018 Spring Sale

Friday,  
May 11

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday,  
May 12

9 a.m.-noon

Join in this GIANT Mission Project!

### We Need Your Things -Drop off:

**May 8 - 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. & 7- 9 p.m.**

**May 9 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Hickey Hall drop off** — adult clothing/shoes, jewelry, all household items, furniture

**Lower level drop off** — children's clothing, toys, baby items, books/ media, holiday decorations, crafts

### We Need Your Time

Please give a few hours Tuesday, May 8 through Saturday, May 12.

\*Childcare available by reservation on Thursday & Friday.

Questions? Call Kathy Lutey at 248-375-0958.

### Please label size of bedding and tablecloths.

We do not accept: computers or components, televisions, large appliances, batteries, tires, waterbeds, built-in-type appliances, air conditioners, building supplies, storm windows, non-working electrical appliances, old textbooks, or **magazines**. We cannot accept cribs due to government regulations.



## SPARK: Book Group

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in Library  
May 17                      June 21

*The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion      *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

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

## United Methodist Women

“Serve one another in love...” Galatians 5:13



### May & June Circle Meetings

- **New Hope Circle** - Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor - presentation on Journeys of Paul cruise.
  - **Patience Circle** - Thursday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m. car pool to Assistance League followed by brunch at Chomp.
  - **Faith Circle** - Thursday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m. luncheon off campus.
- Next Executive Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 23 at 9 a.m. - Parlor.



## Habitat for Humanity Work Days

Saturday, May 19 and Saturday, June 9  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Details available soon  
35 Adams St. Pontiac

St. Paul's will participate in two work days for Habitat for Humanity. The May 19 project will include installing roof shingles, concrete work and painting. The projects and location for June 9 are still being

decided. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex on Sunday morning or contact Mike Becker at [msbecker50@gmail.com](mailto:msbecker50@gmail.com).

Volunteers Needed!

## Community Outreach Events

<b>Heritage Festival</b> May 19-20	<b>Rochester Fireworks</b> June 27	<b>Arts &amp; Apples</b> September 7-9	<b>OPC 50+ Expo</b> October 3
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The FISH (Faith, Invitation, Sharing, Hospitality) committee is taking the good news of St. Paul's to the streets and festivals of Rochester this spring, summer, and fall. We will have booths at the Heritage Festival, 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](mailto:robpattenjr@comcast.net).



## Blood Drive

Monday, June 4

1 - 6:45 p.m. in Hickey Hall

During summer months, collecting blood is a major challenge. With all the summer activities, there never seems to be enough time. We continue to thank our veteran donors, but now throw out a challenge to those who have only

thought of, but not acted upon giving blood - especially new church members and young parents. Please, take the first step on the path of a gratifying road of giving.

Welcome Center sign-up sheets, online registration ([redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) use sponsor code **stpaulunited**) will begin in May. Questions? Call Tom Zebehy at 248-370-0797.

Give the gift that costs nothing to give... except your time.



## St. Paul's Youth Chorus

Singing Sunday, May 20

11 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

The Youth Chorus will rehearse Sunday, April 29 and May 6 at 12:15 p.m.; Tuesday, May 15 at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, May 20 at 10:15 a.m. before performing at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Youth 12-18 who love to sing and want to serve are encouraged to join us! Choir experience is helpful but not necessary. Please contact Karen Fisher at [kareneuf63@icloud.com](mailto:kareneuf63@icloud.com).



Save the Date!

**Vacation Bible School 2018**

July 23 - 27; 9 a.m. to noon

Experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Vacation Bible School is an amazing week for our entire church family. Registration begins in May for children currently in the 3 & 4 year old Sunday school class through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

[stpaulsrochester.org](http://stpaulsrochester.org)





## Partners on the Runway Gourmet Pretzel Sale

Sunday, May 6 & 13  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Narthex  
& Hickey Hall

Help youth put their faith into action as they repair homes in Houston, TX for the summer worktrip. With a donation, you will be supporting their efforts to spread God's love to folks affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Join us **July 1** for commissioning before the trip and again on **July 22** for the worktrip report and thank-you reception between services. For more info, contact Jodi Stuermer at [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Worktrip Fundraiser

Garden/Flower Planters \$250

Support the youth summer worktrip by purchasing a beautiful garden planter. Includes a handmade cedar planter and a \$25 gift card to Bordine's. Great for decks and yards. Display flowers or enjoy vegetables. Awesome Mother's or Father's Day gift. To order, email Jodi Stuermer at [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org).

## Middle School & High School Youth Group

Sunday, May 6; 5 - 7 p.m.; Hickey Hall  
Last youth group before summer. Come celebrate!



For Students and Parents

## Mandatory Worktrip Itinerary Meeting

Sunday, May 20; 5 p.m. in Hickey Hall  
All students going on worktrip and their parents must attend! \$150 fee due, all forms must be completed.



## College Graduate Recognition

If you have a student who has recently graduated from college or post-college and would like their name printed in the worship program, please send their **name, college and degree** to Debbie Kelly at [Debbie@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Debbie@stpaulsrochester.org) by **May 18**.



## Graduate Sunday

Sunday, June 10  
9 and 11 a.m. services

All High School seniors and their families are invited to a special recognition of graduating seniors at the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services, with family breakfast at 10 a.m. Please wear your cap and gown.



## Graduation Breakfast & Scholarship Presentation

Sunday, June 10 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor  
All seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast celebrating graduation. St. Paul's Scholarship recipients will be recognized. Families will receive more brunch information by mail in May. RSVP to [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org) by May 28 to reserve your spot.



## St. Paul's Preschool Registration for Fall 2018

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

**Register NOW! Spots filling up fast.  
Schedule your tour today.**

St. Paul's 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.

Email us today at [preschool@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsrochester.org) to save a spot for your child. See our website at [stpaulsrochester.org/preschool/](http://stpaulsrochester.org/preschool/).

## Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 24

**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.



## Holy Communion

May 6 & June 3 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.



## Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, May 20

10-11 a.m. & 12-12:30 p.m. Narthex

Have your blood pressure checked and pick up valuable information about Cardiac Care and Stroke.

Sunday, June 10

10-11 a.m. & 12-12:30 p.m. Narthex

Have your blood pressure checked and pick up valuable information about Summer and Travel Health Tips.



## Noisy Offering

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

May 13 Mobile Libraries for Uganda

June 10 Red Bird Mission

Please bring your coins!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

Contemporary - 9 a.m. · Traditional - 11 a.m. · Sanctuary

May

6	Holy Communion		
	1 Corinthians 11:17-26	A Church Transformed	Rev. May
13	Mother's Day - Baptism		
	1 Corinthians 13	Transformed by Love	Rev. Eardley
20	Pentecost		
	Acts 2:1-21	Come, Holy Spirit, Come!	Rev. Eardley
27	John 3:1-17	For God so loved...	Rev. Eardley

June

3	Annual Conference		
	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	We Preach Christ	Rev. Kelsey
10	Trinity Sunday - Graduate Sunday		
	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Seeing the Unseen	Rev. Eardley
17	All-Church Worship at 10 a.m. in Sanctuary - Fun With Faith		
	Romans 8:31-39	Remember This	Rev. Reynolds
24	Summer Schedule Begins Outdoor - 8:30 a.m. Traditional - 10 a.m.		
	Luke 10:38-42	Find Acceptance!	Rev. Eardley

The Open Door Service · Modern - 11 a.m. · Hickey Hall

May

6	Matthew 28:16-20	The Great Commission	Rev. Reynolds
13	Matthew 22:34-38	The Great Commandment	Rev. Grimmitt
20	Ephesians 4:1-6	The Great Community	Rev. Reynolds
27	Isaiah 40:28-31	The Great Guarantee	Rev. Reynolds

June

3	Joel 2:28-29	Ride the Wind	Rev. Kress
10	Jeremiah 29:11	Plans to Prosper	Rev. Reynolds
24	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Bring It On!	Rev. Kress

## Sermon Series May & June

## Upcoming Baptism Dates

May 13,

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...

### July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Worktrip Commissioning
8-15 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Worktrip to Houston
18 <sup>th</sup>	Concert in the Garden
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Youth Worktrip Report
23-27 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School
29 <sup>th</sup>	VBS Sunday Ice Cream Social

### August

13 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive
15 <sup>th</sup>	Concert in the Garden
19 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at Jimmy John Field