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St. Paul's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rochester, Michigan

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Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul's UMC! I hope that you will read through this May/June Evangel. If you are just getting to know our church, then this will be a great way to discover how we worship God, grow in faith, and serve those in need around our community. We believe that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. It's just how we strive to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Plus, you'll see some fun ways to get connected with others here at our church! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to check out our website, call the church office, or send me an email: DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org. I'd love to hear from you and help you get connected here at St. Paul's. FYI—our next new members class will be held on Sunday, June 9. I encourage you to be there and learn even more about our church and its commitment to follow Jesus.

I invite you to join with us in living out Jesus' love in real ways and sharing his hope each and every day!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. David Eardley



Everyone is Invited!

Breakfast with Chuck Gaidica **Saturday, May 4; 8 a.m. in Hickey Hall**

Join us for this church-wide fund-raiser for two St. Paul's missions: The Methodist Children's Home Society and Habitat for Humanity. Meet Chuck Gaidica, Emmy Award winning broadcaster, adventurer, minister and one of the most trusted figures in Michigan, who will talk about re-inventing ourselves at any age, and in particular, developing "Second Half Significance" in our lives.

There will be a free-will donation at door **or** you may donate using the St. Paul's app **or** send your donation to St. Paul's UMC, 620 Romeo St. Rochester, MI 48307 (Please note 'UMM Breakfast' on the envelope and check). **Please RSVP by May 2** to help with food count to Phil Swisher at swisher1770@gmail.com or 248-709-2038.



New Member Class

St. Paul's 101: Connections **Sunday, June 9**

4 - 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

New to St. Paul's? We're glad you're here!

We hope you have found your church home. But how do you get to know people? How do you find a way to plug in to activities, groups, projects, and areas of interest?

St. Paul's 101: Connections will help you meet others in an informal setting to exchange information and share a light meal. You can meet people, meet our pastors and ask questions. Not new to St. Paul's? You're also invited to join us to learn more about your church.

Childcare is available for infants through toddlers. Older children and youth will have a mission project to work on. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Peggy Griffin at pegs35@gmail.com or 248-515-9773 or Marilyn Kress at marilyn.kress@gmail.com or 586-212-9065.

Help us support Methodist Children's Home Society

MCHS Golf Classic

Monday, June 10; The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth MI

Do you enjoy scramble golf on a fabulous golf course? Do you LOVE supporting a great cause? Do you like great food and fellowship? Help us support Methodist Children's Home Society and build relationships at the MCHS Golf Classic. It is a beautiful venue, a great course and a GREAT cause. You can put your own foursome together, or we can help find a team for you. Advertise your business with sponsorship opportunities ranging from Birdie Sponsor up to Title Sponsor. For more details and/or a registration form contact Larry Hice at 248-961-5126 or larryhttp@aol.com.



HARMONY IN THE HILLS



Joe Gascho Concert

Sunday, May 5; 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for the inaugural concert on the new Knight Vernon harpsichord built for Dr. Randall in 2018 featuring University of Michigan Professor Joe Gascho.

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 for more detailed information. Free admission.

June 19	July 24	August 14
7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7 p.m.



Christian Education Appreciation Sunday

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

We want to show our gratitude for all of our Christian Education volunteers. Please join us in thanking them for their dedicated service.



If you are interested in serving adults, youth or children in Christian Education, please contact the church office to be a part of the team.



Photos of your pet • Certificates • Treats for all • Activities for pets & owners

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, June 15; 12 p.m. in south Parking Lot

Celebrate the animals that make our lives special. All pets are welcome to receive an individual blessing but must be crated or leashed. Don't have a pet? Children are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal and receive a blessing as well. **Volunteers are needed!** Please contact Rev. Grimmert at CGrimmett@stpaulsrochester.org or Marilyn Kress at marilyn.kress@gmail.com.



Finance Committee Corner

The Church continued to have a surplus at the end of February. Prepaid pledges credited in January and a number of full-year paid pledges in February accounted for a healthy revenue amount. Spending was as planned so a positive balance resulted.

Additionally, gifts to Project IMPACT to repair and upgrade the church campus now total \$546,000. As mentioned last month, the Trustee project to upgrade the lighting in the Sanctuary is complete. Frank Sonye was the project leader for the new lighting installation and did a great job. Thank him when you see him.

The Trustees are now focused on repaving the last portion of the parking lot. Funds are already available to complete the work. As with previous repaving work, the Trustees are aiming for the work to be done in July or August. The Trustees are also examining the need to either replace or rebuild the refrigerators in the kitchen. The units are really showing their age.

In late March, a consultant from Horizons Stewardship began providing her recommendations on how to improve the Church's fund-raising activities. The consultant met with clergy, staff, and a score of members in two focus groups plus researched community information to prepare her recommendations. Rev. Eardley, the Ad Board and the Finance Committee are reviewing her recommendations. A special designated fund has been established for anyone wishing to help underwrite this effort. Please contact Amy Peck, Rev. Eardley or me for details.

Ron DiLiddo
Chair Finance Committee

Classes & Groups



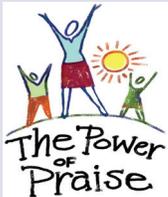
Come together with other women to make a friend...
be a friend... laugh...
dig into God's Word together
and discover new ways to
Live In Faith Everyday.



Psalm 23 - The Shepherd with Me

Mondays, April 29 - June 17
7 - 9 p.m. in Room 128/129

Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into women who are weary and unsure of their next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life. In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. Contact Shelly Cowling at SCowling@stpaulsrochester.org.



Companions in Christ The Way of Prayer

Wednesdays, June 19 - July 31
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Come at 9:15 for coffee and refreshments!

Coordinators: Nancy Fidler & Brenda Younker

Do you long for a vibrant and meaningful prayer life? This summer, we'll learn to use our bodies, voices, art and music as vehicles for prayer. Come to one or all of the classes, depending on your vacation schedule. Call the church office at 248-651-9361 to register and, where possible, pick up books and do chapter one prior to first class. Books are \$10 which is payable at first class. *Childcare available by reservation.



J.O.Y.

Tuesday, May 21; 12 - 2 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Over 65? Join us and bring friends! We'll meet for a brown bag lunch and dessert, followed by 'State of the Church after General Conference' by Rev. Eardley and Rev. May. **RSVP by May 17** by calling 248-651-9361.

Tuesday, June 18; 12 - 2 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Over 65? Join us for a year-end picnic and bring your friends!
RSVP by June 14 by calling 248-651-9361.

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



HUGS

Mothers and grandmothers of all ages
Wednesdays; 9:30 - 11 a.m. Room 132

May 1 Daring Greatly - Pastor Erin Fitzgerald Join us for the conclusion of our study based on Brené Brown's book, **Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead.**

May 8 Celebration Brunch in the Parlor 9:30 a.m. - noon All year we have been focusing on reframing our view on the Word view — so let's celebrate the new view! Join us for great conversation and food as we celebrate spring and catch up with friends. Bring a dish to pass if you can — a formal evite will be sent closer to the event.

May 15 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 22 Mugs & HUGS: Planning session at Grand Traverse Pie Company (upstairs room - 6920 N. Rochester Road; 248-438-5110). We will 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/ for more detailed information.

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

Sunday Adult Studies

Sundays at 10 a.m. No class May 26

Family Life Active Adults, 50 & older; Rickard Chapel

- May 5 The Prayers of Jane Austen
- May 12 Becky Wilson's Poems
- May 19 Frank Sonye
- June 2 The Triumph of Christianity
- June 9 Class Wrap-up/Picnic

Faith & Friends Spiritual Growth Study; Room 132

We return to our study of **Life Lessons from Colossians & Philemon** by Max Lucado. Join us!

Open Hearts All Ages, Stages & Spiritual Levels; Room 131

We continue **Connected**. All are welcome for fun, food and friendship!

UMW Spring Dinner & Program

Tuesday, May 7

- 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 **Samantha Demont, nurse with Oakland County Public Health Department**. A World Thank Offering will be collected to help build a thriving generation of children and youth worldwide.

Circles will meet at 6 p.m. Guests are welcome! UMW invites you to join us at 6:30 for dinner in the Parlor. 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.



2019 Spring Sale

Friday, May 17	Saturday, May 18
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-noon

Join in this GIANT Mission Project!



Seeker's Study

The Great Emergence
Mondays April 29 - June 17
1 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 132

All are welcome to join

Seekers for our next book, **The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why**. The author is Phyllis Tickle, internationally renowned religion expert, who offers an overview of multiple social and cultural changes in our era and their impact on North American Christianity. Phyllis gives us a vision of an exciting future for the Church! Please let Rev. May know if you would like a book (\$12).

We Need Your Things -Drop off:

May 14 - 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. & 7- 9 p.m.
May 15 - 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 14 through Saturday, May 18.

*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, printers, 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

Thursday, May 16
1:30 p.m. in Parlor

Join us as we discuss *1000 White Women* by Jim Fergus. We welcome new members! 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** - Tuesday, May 7; Spring Dinner. No June meeting.
 - **Patience Circle** - Thursday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. Methodist Children's Home: Grace in Action.
 - **Faith Circle** - Thursday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m. luncheon off campus.
- Next Executive Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 22 at 9 a.m. - Parlor.

Missions

Join the St. Paul's Community Garden Group

Our mission is to grow healthy vegetables to donate to the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry for families who can't afford organically grown vegetables. We need volunteers to plant, water, harvest, and deliver to the food pantry. No experience is needed!



Thursday, May 2; 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 132

Planning meeting to lay out the plots and plantings.

Saturday, May 4; 1 - 3 p.m. at Garden (backup May 6; 6 - 8 p.m.)

Garden cleanup and early seed plantings.

Saturday, June 1; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (backup June 2; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.)

Plant remaining plantings in garden.

For more information or to get added to our garden email contact list, please contact Rob Patten at robpattenjr@comcast.net.

Sign-up sheets will also be available at the Welcome Center.

Volunteers Needed!

Community Outreach Events

Rochester Heritage Festival

Saturday, May 18; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sunday, May 19; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



St. Paul's UMC will have an outreach tent at the Rochester Heritage Festival to hand out information about all of the great activities and worship opportunities at St. Paul's and run a children's activity (button making). We need volunteers to help set up and staff the booth for two hour shifts during the festival. This is a great family event. Kids are welcome! Please contact Rob Patten at robpattenjr@comcast.net.

Rochester Festival of the Hills Fireworks

Wednesday, June 26; 6 - 10 p.m at Borden Park

Volunteers are needed to hand out information about all of the great activities and worship opportunities at St. Paul's and run a children's activity (button making). We need volunteers to help set up and staff the booth for two hour shifts during the festival. The tent will close just before the fireworks so you can stay for the show!

Please contact Phil Swisher at swisher1770@gmail.com.



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Saturday, June 22

St. Paul's will participate in a workday for Habitat for Humanity. The projects and location are still being decided and should be available in May. For information, contact Mike Becker at msbecker50@gmail.com.



Spring Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 18; 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Calling all children to join us for food, games, crafts and fun! The cost is \$5 per family. Email Amy at Amy@stpaulsrochester.org to register your child for this great night.



Club 45

**Sunday, May 19
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Room 122-123**

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to meet

together to bake treats for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Please bring a sack lunch with you. If you can join us, email Amy Heitman at amy@stpaulsrochester.org.



Blood Drive

**Monday, June 3
1 - 6:45 p.m.**

in Hickey Hall
The need for blood is great all year long, but in

the summer the need is much greater than the supply. What better gift to give someone than the gift of life.

In May, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can schedule an appointment by calling Bill Molloy at 248-892-1705 or go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code 'stpaulunited'.

Please consider giving blood this time even if you have never given before.



Partners on the Highway Gourmet Pretzel Sale

Sunday, May 5 & 12
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Narthex
& Hickey Hall

Help youth put their faith into action as they repair homes in Mission, SD for the summer worktrip. Your donation will be supporting their efforts to share God's love with the people living on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Join us **June 16** at the **8:30 a.m. service** for commissioning before the trip and again on **July 7** for the worktrip report and thank-you reception between services. For more info, contact Jodi Stuermer at Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org.

Explore where God's power can take you!

TO MARS and BEYOND
COKEBURY'S VBS

Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
July 22 - 26; 9 a.m. to noon
Vacation Bible School is an amazing week for our entire church family. Registration begins in May for children age 4 (as of September 1, 2019) through 5th grade.

Middle School & High School Youth Group

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



For Students and Parents

Mandatory Worktrip Itinerary Meeting

Sunday, May 19; 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 by **May 17**.



Graduate Sunday

Sunday, June 9
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 9 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 by May 31 to reserve your spot.



You Must Re-Enroll Each April

Are you a Kroger Shopper?

Through Kroger's Community Rewards program you can have funds contributed to St. Paul's Youth every time you shop! However, you must re-enroll in the program each April. Go to Kroger.com and click on 'Save' and then 'Kroger

Community Rewards' to enroll. Enter **VW048** to select St. Paul's UMC. Every time you shop, Kroger will make a contribution to St. Paul's for the youth programs.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 16

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.



Noisy Offering Please bring your coins!

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

May 12 Methodist Children's Home Society
June 9 Red Bird Mission

SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

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

May

5	Holy Communion - Confirmation Sunday		
	Psalm 139:7-10	Even There: God's All Reaching Love	Rev. Eardley
12	Mother's Day - Baptism		
	2 Corinthians 6:1-2	Even Now: God's Soul Saving Love	Rev. Eardley
19	Ephesians 3:14-19	Even More: God's Character Shaping Love	Rev. Kress
26	Romans 8:38-39	Even When: God's Never Ending Love	Rev. May

June

2	Annual Conference		
	Acts 1:1-11	Power to the People	Rev. Liles
9	Pentecost - Graduate Sunday		
	Acts 2:1-21	Soaring with the Spirit	Rev. Eardley
16	Trinity Sunday - Father's Day - Summer Schedule Begins		
	Isaiah 55:1-12	Come to the Water!	Rev. Eardley
23	Deuteronomy 10:12-2	The Essence of the Law	Rev. May
30	Galatians 3:23-29	Inclusive Christianity	Rev. Grimmett

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

May

5	Ruth 1:5-18	Family Ties Cross Barriers	Rev. Kress
12	Ruth 2:1-4	Hardship Hurts or Heals	Rev. Fitzgerald
19	Ruth 2:8-13	Working People are People	Rev. Fitzgerald
26	Ruth 4:1-12	God's Justice is Moral, Economic, Unrelenting	Rev. Fitzgerald

June

2	God in Nature - Mountains		Rev. Kress
9	God in Nature - Sky		Rev. Fitzgerald
16	God in Nature - Shore		Rev. May
23	God in Nature - Garden		Rev. Fitzgerald
30	God in Nature - Playground		Rev. Fitzgerald

Sermon Series May & June

Holy Communion

May 5 & June 2 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 19

10-11 a.m. & 12-12:30 p.m. Narthex
Have your blood pressure checked and get information about Eye and Ear Health. Dr. Handzo will do ear checks.

Sunday, June 9

10-11 a.m. & 12-12:30 p.m. Narthex
Have your blood pressure checked and pick up valuable information about Summer Health Tips.

Upcoming Baptism Dates



May 12,

September 15 & November 24

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.



Summer's Here! eGiving can help you contribute to St. Paul's while you are away. It's a simple, easy way to make secure donations. At stpaulsrochester.org, click on GIVE for enrollment instructions. Or call the church office at 248-651-9361. Be an eGiver and join the electronic age!