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St. Paul's Newsletter

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St. Paul's  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Rochester, Michigan

November 2019



## Gratitude...

Greetings in Jesus Christ! Throughout this autumn, we have been blessed by the many ministries of St. Paul's. Whether it be through worship, faith formation, small groups, missions, and welcoming community, we are experiencing the transforming presence of Jesus Christ among us. I am grateful that you are participating in this through your commitments of time, talent, and treasure. Truly, we are growing in our faith as a church and as individuals as we live out our faith with passion and joy.

During the month of November, our morning worship series will focus on the power of gratitude. Each week we'll focus on how gratitude offers a faith-inspired lens for our daily lives. I invite you to join us for this special series.

Also, I want to invite you to attend our annual Church Conference, which will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 1 p.m. in Rickard Chapel. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., will be presiding as we gather to celebrate our year of ministry here at our church.

On behalf of everyone here, may you and your family have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Rev. David Eardley*



**A Disciple's Path**  
One Day Conference  
Rev. Dr. James A. Harnish  
Saturday, November 2  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Registration \$25  
(\$40 after October 24)

St. Paul's is pleased to welcome United Methodist pastor, influencer and popular author Rev. Dr. James Harnish who will lead a workshop on Saturday, November 2 and preach in worship on Sunday, November 3. Several breakout sessions are available featuring:

- **A Generous Discipleship** Rev. David Eardley
- **Camp and Retreat Ministries for Disciples** Neil Haney
- **Growing Youth into Disciples** Rev. Anthony Hood
- **Strength Finders** Rev. Rick Kress
- **Praying as Disciples** Rev. Judy May
- **Small Group Resources** Mike Morley
- **Disciples as Witnesses** Rev. Jon Reynolds

Registration information is available at [stpaulsrochester.org](http://stpaulsrochester.org) on our calendar entry for November 2.



## Service of Healing

**Sunday, November 10**  
**9 & 11 a.m. worship services**  
**in the Sanctuary**

Rev. David Eardley will bring the message "Thanking God for You."

All are invited to participate in prayer and anointing with oil by a pastor at the altar or to simply receive a blessing. We hope that with God's grace the anointing of oil and prayer will be spiritually renewing and that all who come may experience healing, hope, forgiveness, and peace.



## On Finances:

Our forecast suggests we should be on plan for the year. There is a small deficit which is typical when expenses are steady during the summer but pledge giving slows.



Finance  
Committee  
Corner

Based on consultant recommendations, the stewardship campaign will be changed to March 2020 which will bring a greater focus on the spiritual aspects of stewardship rather than focus on budget expectations. The effort will focus on God's generosity in our lives and encourage us to prayerfully determine how God would have us give to our church's ministries. Since we will be 3 months into 2020 by the March campaign, I encourage you to continue your donations to the church as you typically do. If you care to increase or decrease your periodic donation; do as you desire. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rev. Eardley or me (248-762-8657).

Those that desire for tax purposes to donate their 2020 pledge in December 2019 should estimate their gift and donate as usual. With the new law, some people are bundling donations. Talk to your tax advisor for more information on this concept. Also, after the first of the year, if you desire to donate from your IRA as part of your minimum annual withdrawal requirement, proceed as you normally would. Estimate your gift and talk to your IRA administrator about making your gift.

We are completing the last year of Project IMPACT facility improvement drive. Thank you for completing your pledge to this effort.

*Ron Diliddo*



## Deck the Halls

**Sunday, November 24  
after the 11 a.m. services**

Join us in decorating St. Paul's for the Advent season. We will gather for a light lunch in the Parlor after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, November 24.

Afterwards, we will set up and decorate trees throughout the church. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Heller at [prshoes3@hotmail.com](mailto:prshoes3@hotmail.com) or 248-613-2935.

## HARMONY IN THE HILLS



The Pulse of St. Paul's

## Music Department Worship Mixer

**Saturday, November 16  
6 - 8 p.m. in the Music Room**

The Music Department will be hosting our very first Worship Mixer open to every member of our worship team as well as any member of the congregation looking to get plugged in to our ministry. Pizza, snacks, and refreshments will be served. We will also be providing instruments with the hope that a jam session will begin. Grab some pizza, grab a guitar, and let the good times roll.



## Pauline Martin & Eliot Heaton

**Chamber Soloists of Detroit  
Sunday, November 10  
4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join pianist Pauline Martin and violinist Eliot Heaton for an afternoon of chamber music. Suggested donation \$15.

## Thanksgiving Worship Tuesday, November 26 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel

You're invited to join Rev. David Eardley for an evening service of word and song focused upon giving thanks for all that God has done in our lives.

Join us for a service of giving thanks.



# 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.**



## Advent Study

**Mondays, November 18 - December 16  
7 - 9 p.m. in Room 128/129**

Join us as we celebrate the upcoming Advent season. Some evenings will be off site. For more information, contact Shelly Cowling at [scowling@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:scowling@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Seeker's Study

**Mondays 1 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 132**

Our study of **Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others** continues through November. On December 2 we will start a four-week Advent study, **Light of the World**. Author Amy-Jill Levine will trace the Christmas narrative through the Old Covenant and the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The study will offer a new look at the history of the birth of Christ. Please contact Rev. May at [JMay@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:JMay@stpaulsrochester.org) to indicate your interest or with questions. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion! Can we order a book for you?



## J.O.Y. Just Older Youth (65 and above)

**Tuesday, November 19; 12 - 2 p.m. in Hickey Hall**

Everyone is welcome to gather to share a brown bag lunch, dessert, coffee and tea. Following lunch, we will sort and package greeting and Christmas cards to be sent to military servicemen and women serving

abroad who have no Hallmark stores to purchase cards to send home. Donations of all cards are welcomed. **RSVP before November 18 by calling the office at 248-651-9361.**

## Sunday Adult Studies 10 a.m. Sundays

### Family Life Active Couples and 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.

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| November 3  | Rev. James Harnish - All adult classes invited!  |
| November 10 | Rev. David Eardley                               |
| November 17 | Rev. Erin Fitzgerald - Methodist Children's Home |
| November 24 | Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue                          |

### Faith & Friends Spiritual Growth Study: Room 132

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| November 3  | Finish A Disciple's Path  |
| November 10 | A Firm Foundation - When the Holy Spirit Comes with Fire by Carolyn Moore |
| November 17 | A Firm Foundation - Loving God with an Undivided Heart by Maxie Dunnam    |
| November 24 | A Firm Foundation - The Dynamism of Discipleship by Andrew Forrest        |

**Open Hearts** Parents with children of all ages (infants to empty-nesters) **Room 131** We are on this journey together...with Jesus and with each other. So, join us as we encourage one another!

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| November 3  | Rev. James Harnish - Join Family Life Class      |
| November 24 | Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue - Join Family Life Class |



## SPARK: Book Group

**Thursday, November 21**

**1:30 p.m. in the Parlor**

Join us as we discuss **You Don't Own Me** by Orly Lobel. We welcome new members! If you have questions, call Karen Clemons at 248-656-5183.

**\* Childcare available by reservation.**

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



## United Methodist Women

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



### November Circle Meetings

- **Patience Circle** - Thursday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor; Make cards for shut-ins.
- **Faith Circle** - Thursday, November 14 at 1 p.m. in the Parlor; Desert Angels Workshop.
- **New Hope Circle** - Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at Michelle Moore's home for planning for 2020.

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

## New Member Class

**Sunday, November 10 or 17  
10 - 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor**

Would you like to make St. Paul's your church home by becoming a member? The New Member Class will be offered on two different Sundays in November. Select the one Sunday that works best for you.

We welcome those who choose to become members of St. Paul's at the service of their choice on Sunday, November 24.

You'll learn about what St. Paul's has to offer, visit with the pastors, and learn more about the United Methodist Church. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers. Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in Hickey Hall or call the church office at 248-651-9361.

## Rummage Sale

**The October Sale  
Nets \$22,600**

Thank you to all who helped with sorting, donating and providing food for the October rummage sale. St. Paul's is blessed with very dedicated workers who graciously give their time to sort through mountains of donations, organize, price and sell them and then clean up everything leaving no trace of the giant sale. All proceeds are donated to charities supported by the United Methodist Women. Leftover items are also donated to charity.



## That Takes the Cake Sale Sunday, November 17

**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Narthex**

Homemade coffee cakes will be available for purchase, ready to take home and enjoy. Proceeds support UMW Missions locally and around the world. To donate a coffee cake, sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex November 3 or 10 and deliver to the Narthex on Saturday, November 16 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## HUGS. Humor, Understanding, Growth and Support For mothers and grandmothers of all ages

**Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Room 132**



**November 6 The Best Yes** - by Lysa Terkeurst - Each week we will watch a short video and discuss the tips the author sets out for us. There is an optional book and devotional that you can read, but it's not necessary to glean the gems of wisdom we'll share each week!

**Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH 11:30-12:30** Bring one salad ingredient and extend our fellowship through lunch. Bring your little guys in with us as we linger over conversation and lunch.

**November 13 & 20 The Best Yes** - Don't worry if you've missed earlier sessions; each week provides new wisdom!

**November 27 NO HUGS** - Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your families!

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 available by reservation.

# Missions

St. Paul's Mission Project 2019

## Methodist Children's Home Society

We have raised \$21,111 of our \$30,000 Goal

### Paper-Craft & Commemorative Tile Fundraiser

Saturday, November 9

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

OPC Senior Center

Sunday, November 10

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Narthex & Hickey Hall

Donations of either handcrafted item are welcome. All proceeds will go to the Children's Home Society. Contact Paula Krikau at 248-601-3722.

### Hearts and Heroes Gala

Saturday, November 2 at the Roostertail in Detroit

St. Paul's will have a table at this formal and fun night benefiting the children and families served by MCHS. Guests will enjoy live music, a delicious meal, fabulous silent auctions, raffles, and a profound and purposeful program dedicated to creating safer communities and brighter futures for Michigan's children. Please contact Larry Hice at [larryhttp@aol.com](mailto:larryhttp@aol.com) if you would like to reserve a ticket.



### Free Concert in Kresge Chapel

Sunday, November 17

4:30 p.m. in Kresge Chapel at MCHS

Dr. Jean Randall and friends will offer a FREE concert in the beautiful Kresge Chapel at Methodist Children's Home. This is another opportunity to support MCHS.



### Food Drive Update

St. Paul's donated over 1000 pounds of food to the food pantry after the fall food drive. Our Community Garden group raised and donated over 400 pounds of fresh vegetables as well. **Thank you St. Paul's!**

Volunteers Needed!

### Kris Kringle Market

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

St. Paul's will have a booth in downtown Rochester on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7. The FISH Committee is looking for volunteers to help sell quilts and other Handmade Treasures, and invite our neighbors to worship with us during Advent. All proceeds will go towards Rochester Area Neighborhood House.



### Christmas Basket Mission Project

Each year, St. Paul's UMC, Rochester Area Neighborhood House and Hollywood Markets work together to deliver approximately \$135 worth of groceries to 130 qualified families just in time for Christmas.

Want to get involved in this wonderful mission project?

- **Financial donations are accepted through December 20.** Please write "Christmas Baskets" on the envelope and on the memo line of your check made out to St. Paul's UMC.
- **Sign up at the Welcome Center** in the Narthex in November to pick up groceries, **fill** the baskets on **December 12** and **deliver** the baskets on **December 14**.



### Halloween Candy Leftovers

St. Paul's is collecting candy to send care packages to our college students. Please drop off your leftover candy in Jodi Stuermer's office (Room 206) or with Karen in church office. Thanks for making our college students feel loved as they gear up for exams!

### College Address Reminder

St. Paul's wants to keep in touch with your college student throughout the year and send them a care package in early December. **Parents** - If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please email his/her address to [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org) by **November 19**. Thanks!

## Club 45

**Sunday, November 10  
12 - 3 p.m. in Room 122-123**

Join us for a special art therapy project. The finished masterpiece will be donated and installed "on the farm" at Methodist Children's Home Society.

Meet Amy Heitman at noon for a pizza lunch. Please let Amy know if you can make it by emailing her at

[Amy@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Amy@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Middle School Youth Group

**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends  
Sundays, 6 - 7 p.m. in Rooms 122-123**

Follows Confirmation and Journey. Dinner \$5.

November 3 No Youth Group

November 10 Mission Possible

November 17 Operation Christmas Child

November 24 Thanksgiving Dinner/Assembling care packages

**Come hang out with us. Youth Group is a great way to start your week!**



## High School Youth Group

**All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends  
Sundays, 5 - 7 p.m. in the Lounge**

Small groups, dinner (\$5) & youth group fun!

November 3 No Youth Group

November 10 YouLead

November 17 Operation Christmas Child

November 24 Thanksgiving Dinner/  
Assembling care packages

**No matter what the activity, laughter is guaranteed!**



## Better Together

**Third Sunday of the Month**

**10:30 a.m. - noon; Lounge/Sanctuary**

Join us this fall on October 20, November 17 and December 15, as we meet for a light breakfast and then attend the 11 a.m. worship service together as a group.

Friends are always welcome.



**Volunteers Needed!**

## Christmas Cookie Crew

**Tuesday, November 5**

**12 - 2:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Kitchen**

Join us in the kitchen as we make Christmas cookies for the United Methodist Women to sell at the Christmas Cookie Sale in December. Rochester schools are closed that day, so have some fun baking and help support missions in a 'sweet' way.



## Ignite Holiday Session

Ignite students will rehearse **October 27, November 3 & 10** so we can sing in worship on **November 17**.

We will prepare for our Christmas Eve Pageant and All Music Sunday on **November 17 & 24** and **December 8 & 15**. Plan to sing with us on **December 22** for All Music Sunday.

## Summer 2020 Youth Worktrip

**Join us for a week of service June 20 - 27 to Ponce, Puerto Rico**

Join us next summer as we share God's love with the Puerto Rican community of Ponce. We will serve by passing out food and children's ministry in the neighborhood, as well as, home repair and renovation projects. You will experience a different culture while serving an impoverished area desperately in need of help. Registration and non-refundable \$200 deposit is due October 27. For more information, contact Jodi Stuermer at [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Holy Communion

November 3 at 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 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 Sunday, November 10

We will be collecting a “noisy” offering with proceeds supporting **Neighborhood House (Food Baskets)**. Please bring your coins!



## Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, November 10

9:45 - 11 a.m. & noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Narthex

Have your blood pressure checked and get valuable health information on Nutrition for your Health.



## Upcoming Baptism Dates

November 24 & January 19

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. For information, contact the office at 248-651-9361.

## Congratulations! Baby News!

Pastor Erin Fitzgerald and her husband Joel are delighted to announce that they are expecting their second child in April. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery of baby Fitzgerald.



## Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 24  
1 p.m. in Rickard Chapel



Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., Chair  
All St. Paul's members and friends are invited to attend!

## Looking Forward. . . December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas and Candlelight
- 5<sup>th</sup> SPARK Book Group luncheon
- 6<sup>th</sup> Advent Concert at noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> UMM Breakfast  
Jesus Birthday Party
- 8<sup>th</sup> Community Chorus - St. Andrews
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pack Christmas Baskets
- 13<sup>th</sup> Advent Concert at noon
- 14<sup>th</sup> Deliver Christmas Baskets
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cookie Sale
- 16<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive
- 20<sup>th</sup> Advent Concert at noon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> All Music Sunday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas in New Orleans  
Worship 7 p.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Worship  
Family Service 4 p.m.  
Open Door Christmas 6 p.m.  
Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service 11 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas!  
Church closed
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
10 a.m. Worship - Hickey Hall
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

## SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

Contemporary - 9 a.m. • Traditional - 11 a.m.

3	Communion		
	John 1:31-51	How Seekers Get Found	Rev. Harnish
10	Veterans Sunday • Service of Anointing & Healing		
	2 Thes. 2:13-17	Thanking God for You	Rev. Eardley
17	Isaiah 65:17-25	Thanking God for Life	Rev. Eardley
24	Baptisms		
	Colossians 1:11-20	Thanking God for Jesus	Rev. Grimmett

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

3	Worship in Sanctuary		
10	John 10:7-10	Abundance	Rev. Fitzgerald
17	1 Corinthians 6:19-20	Health: Mind, Body, Spirit	Rev. Fitzgerald
24	Colossians 3:12-17	Gratitude	Rev. Kress

## Sermon Series November