



Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
No matter who you are, or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Sunday, March 8, 2020

St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

9 a.m. Worship Service

Gathering Song

Welcome, Mission Moment, Opening Prayer, and Exchange of Greeting

Singing Together

The Lord's Prayer

Small Talk

Taking the Next Step Giving Story

Prayer Time

Offering

Scripture Lesson John 3:16-17

Message **The Heart of Generosity** Rev. David Eardley

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Singing Together

Blessing

Sunday Morning Schedule

9 & 11 a.m.

Worship..... Sanctuary & Hickey Hall
Infant Nursery Room 115
Toddlers and 4 -year-olds.....Rooms 116-117

9:15 & 11:15 a.m. - Sunday school

Preschool - 1st GradeRoom 126
2nd and 3rd Grade Room 125
4th and 5th Grade Room 124

10 a.m. - Impact

6th-12th Gradethe Lounge

10 a.m. - Childcare

Infant NurseryRoom 115
Toddlers - 4-year-olds Rooms 116-117

10 a.m. - Ignite

K-5th GradeRooms 122/123

10 a.m. - Adult Sunday school

Open Hearts Class..... Room 128-129
Faith & Friends Room 132
Family Life..... Rickard Chapel

Contact Us

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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Rev. David Eardley, Senior Pastor
Rev. Erin Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carter M. Grimmett, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rick Kress, Associate Pastor
Rev. Judith May, Associate Pastor



A Stephen Ministry Congregation
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Dr. Wm. Jean Randall, Director of Music
Shelly Cowling, Associate Director of Music
Amy Heitman, Director of Children's Ministry
Jodi Stuermer, Director of Youth Ministry



Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, in loving memory of Sylvia's husband Edward, their son Keith, by Sylvia Nagel, Grant Nagel and family.

Head ushers are Rick McDonald (9 a.m.) and Gail Hosner (11 a.m.)

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 8

4:30	Harmony in the Hills Concert	Sanctuary
5 p.m.	Confirmation	Room 128-129
5 p.m.	Middle & Sr. High Youth	Hickey Hall

Monday, March 9

1 p.m.	Seekers Study	Room 132
2:45 p.m.	Stephen Ministry	Room 131
7 p.m.	Stephen Ministry	Room 132
7 p.m.	Women's LIFE	Room 122
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 123	Room 122-123
7 p.m.	Brass Band Rehearsal	Rickard Chapel
7 p.m.	Fisch Small Group	Hickey Hall
7:30 p.m.	RSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 10

9 a.m.	Clergy Meeting	Rev. Eardley's Office
9:30 a.m.	Program Staff Meeting	Rev. Eardley's Office
10:30 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting	Parlor
1 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 132
2 p.m.	Chair Yoga	Rickard Chapel
2 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 123
2:30 p.m.	Quilt Ministry	Room 132
7 p.m.	Scout Troop 456	Room 122-123
7 p.m.	Swisher Small Group	Rickard Chapel

Wednesday, March 11

7 a.m.	Rotary Meeting	Room 128-129
9 a.m.	Health Ministry	Room 131
9:30 a.m.	HUGS	Kitchen
12 p.m.	Staff Small Group Study	Parlor
2 p.m.	Love & Light 4th Day	Room 132
6:15 p.m.	Open Door Planning Meeting	Parlor
7 p.m.	Epworth Choir	Room 128 - 129
7 p.m.	Trustees Meeting	Room 131
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m.	RSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12

9:30 a.m.	Patience Circle	Parlor
1 p.m.	Faith Circle	Parlor
6:15 p.m.	Praise Band	Music Room
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Room 125-127
7 p.m.	Cancer Support Group	Room 132
7 p.m.	New Hope Circle	Hickey Hall
7:30 p.m.	Wesley Ringers	Bell Room

Friday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	Women's LIFE	Parlor
2 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 123

Saturday, March 14

9:30 a.m.	RSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Caregiver's Support Group	Room 132
10 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Rooms 122-123
10 a.m.	Open Door Rehearsal	Hickey Hall
6:30 a.m.	Youth Rock-A-Thon	Youth Room

Today at St. Paul's



Lead me, Lord

Each day, we as Christians are invited to live the life of a disciple, or follower of Jesus. It's not a choice we make once in a lifetime but each day as we travel through life. May we all grow together

this month as we take a step further along our own path of faith. And in prayer, Bible study and worship, may we hear the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit.

Taking the Next Step Giving Path

When we take a step along the Giving Path, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus once said, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



Steps along the Giving Path:

- o **First-Time Giver:** Begin to give a specific amount.
- o **Intentional Giver:** Give a planned percentage of income.
- o **Growing Giver:** Increase the percentage of income.
- o **Tither:** Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).
- o **Extravagant Giver:** Give beyond the tithe (10%+ of income).

Coming Up at St. Paul's



The Prayer Connection

Sundays, March 1 - April 5

Following Services in Narthex and outside Hickey Hall

Are there times following Sunday services that you're looking for a deeper prayer connection? Beginning March 1 and continuing through Lent, the

Prayer Connection team will welcome you for a brief confidential prayer upon request. After services, two trained Lay persons of Stephen Ministry and/or Emmaus Disciples will meet you in the Narthex by the Tree of Life Windows, and outside of Hickey Hall in the corner by the Stained Glass window of Communion with Our Savior. For more information, contact the church office at 248-651-9361 or ask a pastor.

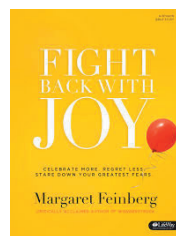
Fight Back with Joy

Friday, March 13 - April 24 , 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Come early for coffee and refreshments!

Leaders: Nancy Fidler & Brenda Younker

In this six week study highly recommended by the Monday night Women's LIFE group, learn how to celebrate more, regret less, and stare down your greatest fears! This lively study by Margaret Feinberg includes video and daily reading, helping us to Live in Faith Every Day. *Childcare available by reservation



HARMONY IN THE HILLS



Harmony in the Hills

University of Michigan Organ Department

Sunday, March 22, 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for a concert featuring students from the University of Michigan Organ Department. A free will offering will be collected to support the upcoming European student organ study tour.

High School Youth

Lock In/Rock-a-thon Fundraiser

Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Challenge: Stay up all night with your friends enjoying games, service projects, food and fun while raising money for our Youth Work trip. No need to be attending work trip to join us. All high schoolers are welcome!



St. Paul's Preschool

Registration for Fall 2020

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

Applications available online or in church office.

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 to save a spot for your child. See our website at stpaulsrochester.org/preschool/.

11 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude Beneath the Cross of Jesus (arr. Wood)

Announcements, Mission Moment, and Exchange of Greeting

Chimes

***Processional Hymn** Lift High the Cross **#159[†]**

Opening Prayer *Loving God, You delight in showing us Your kingdom as a place of blessing, a place of light, a place of Spirit and truth. May we be born anew in Your Spirit, that our hearts would be grateful for Your all-encompassing love in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession and Intercession

Words of Assurance (Leader)

The Lord's Prayer **#895**

Response *Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.* **#2193** (Black Hymnal)

Small Talk

Taking the Next Step Giving Story

***Psalter** Psalm 121 **#844**

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version **#881**

***Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.* **#71**

***Hymn** Blessed Assurance **#369**

Pastoral Prayer

Response *Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care.
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known* **#496**

Offertory God So Loved the World (Stainer) Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above,
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.* **#95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Response *Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou
the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith,
the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.* **#587**

***Scripture Lesson** John 3:16-17

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

Sermon **The Heart of Generosity** **Rev. David Eardley**

***Recessional Hymn** To God be the Glory **#98**

***Benediction**

***Response** *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 the wilderness.* **#671**

***Chimes**

***Postlude** Voluntary in C Minor (Gluck)

*Please stand as you are able

†All hymns are found in the red hymnal, unless otherwise stated.