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## **PASTOR'S PEACE**

The end of March witnessed huge youth gatherings around the nation in support of safe school campuses and gun control. It was hard not to be moved by the sight and sound of several hundred thousand young people (a conservatively estimated 200,000+ in Washington, D.C. alone) speaking up on behalf of their generation, expressing their conviction about the need for change. Some of the students remarked that prayers for a different kind of world where students are safe and gunfire is no longer heard in school halls are simply not enough. Action is needed on the part of the 75 percent of American citizens polled who actually agree that school shootings need to be stopped and that some further restrictions on bump stocks and semi-automatic weapons are in order. No less important in the students' view are background checks so that we don't continue to enable gun purchasers with a past record of violence or mental instability.

Although I think that students need to be careful about demonizing devoted Second Amendment supporters, I understand and appreciate their sheer passion and sense of urgency. As a pastor who can't forget Jesus' own concern for peacemaking and his explicit declaration that God particularly blesses peacemakers (*Matthew 5:9*), I think the students are also standing on high moral ground that needs to be honored and respected. For the present and future, the credibility and reputation of our Christian churches can only be undermined if we prove indifferent to young people's pleas for safety and change. It's important for us all to be supporting change that is sensitive to the very real problem of gun violence, as well as sensible, reasonable, *and* constitutional in any legislative initiatives undertaken.

Of course, for better and worse the "March for Our Lives" just held has generated huge, maybe oversized, expectations on the part of young people. I hope that they do not become over-impatient, which could lend itself to longer-term disappointment, frustration, withdrawal, and apathy. Even under the best of circumstances change is slow and some compromise is inevitably necessary. It is important that none of us make our ideals the enemy of the good.

With sympathy for our young people and their dreams of a better world, I encourage all of us to look for ways in which we can transcend all the political polarization of our

times and help foster a greater and enduring peace for our streets, our public spaces, and our private homes.

***--Shalom, Pastor Geoff Drutchas***

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL**

As we approach Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection and all that His living means for our lives, let us rejoice. Let Christ find us living courageous and love-filled lives that testify to our belief that HE LIVES!

Jesus, you have overcome death

And conquered every fear I could imagine

Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive

That You are bigger than anything or any situation

And that Your power is real

Jesus, you're our hero and we are walking with you.

Amen.

Happy Easter!

***In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education***

## **Christian Education Plans for Upcoming Events**

**Youth Prepare for Annual Summer Mission Trip.** The "2018" summer mission trip that will be held in Detroit and Muskegon is quickly approaching. From June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> participants will be serving the elderly, hungry, homeless, lost, poor and those in need. They will be preparing and serving meals, working in shelters, assisting with thrift stores and food pantries and a variety of other things. While the youth will be extremely busy serving those in need they will also have the opportunity to fellowship with one another as well as with other young people they serve with. In addition to evening activities the group will visit Michigan Adventures for a day. Most importantly however is the opportunity they will have to grow closer to Christ through evening worship and discussion time. All interested youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) should contact Pastor Schalm. Spots are limited and will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

**Youth Stock Now Available for Purchase.** The youth will be selling stock to help fund their summer mission trip. For a donation, shareholders will be assured a personal letter from a youth mission trip participant, their name placed upon the Rock Hard in Faith

mission trip banner and the knowledge that they have helped to shape a life in Christ. Youth stock can be purchased during coffee hour after April 1st.

**Calling All College Students and Recent High School Graduates.** Christian Education is in need of pictures and addresses of all St. Paul UCC college students and High School graduates enrolled in continuing education programs (trade school, skill programs, apprenticeships, etc.). Please forward addresses and pictures to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

Pictures will be displayed on the "College Connection" board and students will be added to the quarterly "College Connection" mailing list.

### **\*Thirsty Thursday's Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship**

***Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. - John 6:35***

Whether you have been a regular or are considering coming for the first time, we welcome and look forward to your company and participation.

### **"Thirsty Thursdays"**

**The What:** Young Adult Bible Study

**The Why:** Rehydration: Daily living and life can be dehydrating!

**The Where:** The Schalm's. 26868 Winslow Drive. Flat Rock

**The When:** Thursday evenings

**The Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m

### **\*Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship upcoming activities include:**

**Please be sure to read "Events You Won't Want to Miss" and "General Announcements" for complete articles of important Christian Education happenings past and future.**

## **EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS**

### **Maundy Thursday 'Faith Walk' Service Held**

A very special "Faith Walk" Service will be held on Maundy Thursday this year, March 29. As the congregation gathers to remember Jesus' last night with his apostles, worshippers will have the opportunity to join in a "faith walk" through a candle-lit sanctuary, stopping at a half-dozen prayer stations, emphasizing Jesus' last instructions to us before facing arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The evening worship also includes a full gospel reading recalling Jesus' fateful night, plus prayer, a pastoral message, and a sit-down communion meal, recreating the upper room experience of Jesus's first apostles.

The service will gather at 7:30 p.m. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to a moving and inspirational service. Five newly-confirmed young people of our congregation will be receiving their first communion that evening.

The Maundy Thursday Service which takes its name from Jesus mandate or commandment to love God and one another, is followed by a fellowship period in the West Room (Jerusalem Cafe).

## **'Seven Last Words' Good Friday Service Preceded by Brunch**

Church members and friends are invited to attend a noontime Good Friday Service in the sanctuary of St. Paul United Church of Christ on March 30. The liturgy or order of service for the occasion will be based on the prophecies of the Old Testament psalms as well as portions of the gospel. Worshipers are asked to be seated for the service within the parameters of a cross stretched across the pews of the sanctuary. No offering will be taken. Worshipers will be asked to depart in complete silence.

Prior to the noontime service, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Good Friday brunch in the West Room, starting at 11 a.m. The menu will include two different kinds of quiches as well as salad, dessert, and beverage. A \$5 donation is invited. Brunch tickets will be available in advance through the church office (313-291-1221).

## **Building & Grounds Ministry Hosts Gala Easter Breakfast**

St. Paul members and friends will be able to enjoy a gala Easter breakfast in a beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall once again this year, all thanks to the efforts of our congregation's Building & Grounds Ministry. The Easter breakfast will be served on Easter morning, April 1, 7-9:30 a.m. The breakfast menu includes scrambled eggs, pork sausage and bacon, sweetbreads, juice, and coffee—all freshly prepared.

The Easter breakfast is a great occasion for families and friends to gather for a meal on Christianity's most holy day. Free will donations to help cover the cost of the breakfast are invited and appreciated.

## **One Great Hour Of Sharing "MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE" A UCC Special Mission Offering**

*This offering will be received throughout the month of April. An offering envelope is included in your April Tidings, and also will be in the church pews.*

### **What is One Great Hour of Sharing?**

In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to reclaim the spiritual discipline of solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward a promise of healing and peace.

Community and connection are at the center of the world that Jesus envisions for us. Racial and religious divisions that once dominated the landscape separating Jew and Gentile have been rendered irrelevant by the love of Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are all included in "God's Family". Paul's prayer reveals tenderness and compassion for God's people. He prays that we may be strengthened with power and know the presence of Christ. We are reminded that faith is part of a bigger picture, and that our God given gifts of talents, materials goods, and love, are part of a bigger picture too.

Paul continues to stretch us by calling on the power of God that is already at work within us, connecting us to God's imagination. *As we seek to imagine with God*, we can reach beyond the limits we have placed on our own ability to connect, to be strong and to love.

Our giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is but one way we can show we are willing to reach beyond what we can see. Our contributions are part of God's blessings to brothers and sisters in need worldwide.

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering we, as the body of Christ, have opportunity and power to help those who are living in despair as refugees. If refugees

had the choice to return home, many would not have a place to return because their home most likely has been destroyed, burned, severely damaged, or is still an unsafe place to live.

This year as you consider your gift to this special offering, for one moment, think of what it would be like to not have a place to call home. Then make your very best gift possible for all people, especially those displaced by disaster, war, and famine.

*Please pray about how you can help support this ministry. Your gifts are welcomed through the month of April. Thank you, from our St. Paul Stewardship Ministry*

**Red Hot Purple Angels - April 19, 2018 DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts)** outing from Church at 12pm. Michelle Matney is the contact person. *Sign up on the RHPA bulletin board.* If you want to eat at church prior to going to the DIA, a Box Lunch from Pete's Place including a cup of soup, ½ grinder sandwich and a cookie for \$8.05, including tax is available. We will have bottled water at church. Lunch is at 11am at Church. You will need to pay ahead. The menu will be on the bulletin board for sign-up. Transportation will pick us up at St. Paul's between 12pm-12:30pm. We will arrive at 1pm at the DIA. At 1 pm Art Making Workshop (craft to make and take home). Or you can explore the museum on your own. At 2:30pm we will gather in reception area for cookies. The bus will leave at 3 pm to take us home. The DIA does have a café that serves lunch if you want to eat and pay there instead of eating at church. We are only at the DIA for 2.5 hours. We need 25 people for the bus ride. Looking forward to May, we have coffee hour on *May 6, 20, & 27.* Please sign up to help on the RHPA Bulletin Board. Volunteers needed. We will be visiting the Russian Tea Room again on May 24.

**Thirsty Thursday's Young Adult Bible Study Group and all Young Married Couples Will Head to Comerica Park to Cheer on the Tigers.** Young adults (post high school) and young married couples will be heading down to Comerica Park on Friday, April 20th for a 7:10 p.m. game between the Detroit Tigers and Kansas City. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool. Those interested in attending should contact Pastor Schalm. Complimentary tickets will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Pulpit Exchange Set for Downriver/Dearborn Pastors**

Pastors Geoff Drutchas and Carrie Orlando of the First Congregational Church of Wyandotte will be exchanging pulpits on Sunday, April 22. Pastor Drutchas will be preaching at the Wyandotte Church and Pastor Orlando will be preaching here at St. Paul at both worship services on that day.

The pulpit exchange is part of a Downriver/Dearborn-wide event intended to help our United Church of Christ congregations get to know one another better. The larger goal is to promote greater cooperation among the eight UCC churches in the area.

### **Caregivers Plan Meeting in April**

The St. Paul Caregivers Group will be meeting on April 23, the fourth, rather than the third, Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor due to the Easter season.

The purpose of the Caregivers' group is to provide mutual support for caregivers who may be providing help to a spouse, parent, child, or friend. Participants share their experiences and insights on care-giving. The group is led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas and

parish nurse Kathy Williams. Those attending the gathering should use the West Lobby entrance.

### **Spring Rummage Sale Set-Up Ahead**

Spring's here and the St. Paul Spring Rummage Sale is on its way, coming up fast. The sale opens its doors, Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m. and continues through Saturday morning, May 5. Set-up begins Saturday, April 28, and continues through Wednesday, May 2. Post-sale clean-up takes place on Saturday, May 5, 10-12 noon. All items not sold are bagged or boxed for pick-up by one of the local non-profit resale shops in our Downriver area.

Volunteer help is needed to host this all-congregation event which supports the larger mission and ministry of our church. You can volunteer by completing a Make-A-Wish card from the pews on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office (313-291-1221).

Your donations of clothing and household goods are welcomed and very much needed to ensure the sale's success. Because of Easter's later date this year, rummage sale drop-off will begin on Tuesday, April 3. All items donated should be clean and in a good state of repair. Items can be dropped off through the east entrance during church office hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or at other times by arrangement. Just ring the bell and someone will let you in to put your items on the tables in the back of fellowship hall.

### **ChristNet Hosts Annual Benefit at Carrabba's**

The ChristNet Homeless Shelter, which our congregation helped launch and supports through our own host week each fall, is holding its annual benefit luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Southgate on Saturday, April 28, 11:30-1:30 p.m. The traditional and popular menu for the occasion includes Chicken marsala, Penne Pomodoro, soup or salad, bread, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Cookies are also provided to diners, baked by our own church member and ChristNet treasurer Rebecca Markey-Johnson.

Cost of the luncheon meal is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children (5-10). Those four years old and younger are free. Tickets and reservation forms are available through the St. Paul Church office (313-291-1221). Checks for ticket purchases can be made out directly to ChristNet. No ticket purchases can be made on the day of the event.

Groups of eight or more are encouraged to arrive after 12:30 p.m. to help with crowd timing which, while manageable, was great last year. Gratuities are not required but nevertheless welcomed by the restaurant staff who serve at this fundraiser.

Carrabba's is located at 14805 Dix-Toledo Road, just north of Eureka Road on the east side of the street.

### **ChristNet Shelter Entering Last Quarter Season**

The ChristNet Homeless Shelter, which will continue to provide emergency overnight housing to men and women in need through early June, is now entering its final quarter season. Since our St. Paul host week last October, ChristNet churches have provided through March 17th 4,334 safe nights of housing. This is a total of 1,539 safe nights for women and 2,795 safe nights for men. At the last ChristNet Board of Directors meeting attended by St. Paul Church members Pastor Geoff Drutchas and Rebecca Markey Johnson, Executive Director Debbie Petri noted that the average number of guests per night was 28—the highest on record. Women now comprise one third of ChristNet guests at any given time, which is also an increase from previous years. Overall, ChristNet guests are also older than was true five years ago. A majority of guests are in the 40s and 50s. Currently, ChristNet is hosting two guests who are in their 70s.

After the overnight program closes in June, ChristNet will continue to offer its daytime center to homeless men and women, a welcome respite from the streets. Throughout the year, breakfast foods and lunches are provided at the daytime center located in rented space in the basement of the Church of Nazarene in Eureka Road. Volunteers from various Downriver churches prepare the lunches.

ChristNet is currently rehabbing a building on Eureka to serve as a new and larger daytime center where nighttime intake for overnight housing will also take place. The upcoming Carabba's benefit on April 29 supports the rehab work underway at the new facility.

### **Every Daughter Banquet**

Plans for this year's Every Daughter Banquet are taking shape for Thursday May 10th. Our theme for this year's banquet is the 50's. Our entertainment will be music of the 50's and the fellowship hall will be decorated with decor of that era. A meeting is to be held on April 5th at 7:00 p.m. by three of our ministries who are co-sponsoring this event, to discuss the final menu. Once the menu is finalized we will begin selling tickets so watch your morning tide, e-mail and May tidings for further information about when sales will begin.

**Muffins for Mom Celebration to be Held on Mother's Day.** The Sunday School children, with the help of Men's Fellowship, will be honoring their mothers and the women of the congregation on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with a special, muffins for Mom continental breakfast. The celebration will be held between the morning worship services, 10:00 -10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies should mark their planners for this special event.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Spring Flower & Bake Sale.** Spring is in the air and the time to plant flowers is quickly approaching. Again this year the youth will be selling flats of flowers, planters, hanging baskets, vegetable plants and more. Members and friends will have the opportunity to pre-order their flowers and plants and have them delivered to the church on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Upon delivery the youth will carry and load them into your vehicle.

NO flowers will be available for sale the day of pick-up. All flowers sold will be through pre-order only. Order forms can be secured during coffee hour, in the church office or at the Christian Education Welcome Center beginning mid April.

In addition to the flower sale youth will be collecting all unwanted cans & bottles. Any questions, please contact Pastor Schalm.

**Sunday School and Youth Service Scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.** On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, members of Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship will lead the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. In addition to the youth led service, the Sunday School children will be sharing several songs they have learned throughout the year and offering their understanding of lessons they have learned throughout the year. Plan now to join your church family for this annual Spring Program worship service. Children are asked to participate in a rehearsal held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. All young people interested in participating in the service should contact Pastor Schalm.

**Looking Ahead** - St. Paul will once again host a Vendor Arcade at the annual All Church Picnic, July 29, 2018. If you would like to be a vendor or know someone who would like to participate, please contact Sharon Leonard by phone or email at: sleonard1985@yahoo.com for more information.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

**Exercise Classes** - Exercise is important to our health. Classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 PM in the West Room unless otherwise advertised. Delissa is our instructor. She is a wonderful trainer with a Christian philosophy. Participants have notice increased strength and balance. Please plan to join us. A donation of \$3-5 is suggested for each day class attended.

First-Aid & CPR Classes – If you are interested in getting certified for First-Aid and CPR with AED, please contact Kathy Williams or make out a Make-a-Wish card for a class in April or May. The class takes 8 hours.

**Shalom – Chronic disease group meeting.** We usually meet the 2nd Monday on each month at 1PM. Our next meeting is April 9 at 1 PM. Check the MorningTide for additional information regarding topics and/or speakers.

**Health/Medical supplies** –If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

Keeping up with your Medical History – Are you tired of writing out your medical history every time you go to a new doctor or specialist? It is much easier to include diagnosis, medications, history and surgeries with dates on a document. You can update it yearly. You can take a copy of the document to your doctor, urgent care or emergency room visit. When the doctor's medical form asks for information about you, then you just write in 'SEE ATTACHMENT'. Then you attach your document with the medical history to their form. Contact Kathy Williams for help or clarification.

**TOPS, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, is a weight support group. TOPS is nonprofit and noncommercial. St Paul will be hosting the TOPS Chapter 9744, Taylor, MI beginning April 2. TOPS does not sell, promote, or endorse any products. TOPS provides the support, encouragement and educational opportunities needed to make healthy, permanent lifestyle changes. TOPS also provides motivational rallies, workshops and retreats. Meetings are held on Monday nights with weight in starting at 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and ending approximately by 7:15 p.m., in the West Room. An annual membership of \$32.00 is required to TOPS for membership. Chapter dues are \$5.00 per month required. At the meetings, we have a weekly program, contests, play games, and open talk (if someone is having a concern that other members may help with suggestions). All the officers are volunteers. Membership is open to all women, men, teens and children 18 years old down to 7 years old, with parent permission. The first visit is free with no obligation to join. Bring a friend if you like. If you decide to join, a TOPS member will help you fill out a simple application form at the meeting. There will be an open house on Monday, April 9.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **April St. Paul Member and Friend Anniversaries:**

Happy Anniversary to the following couples: Glen and Catherine Koths (68 years), Ronald and Henrietta Hinzmann (57 years), Ruth and Mark Kenosian (46 years), Dennis and Ann Schmoekel (37 years), Cynthia and Kevin Winter (26 years), Michele and Ronald Caruso (18 years) and Lori and Brent Kuhn (9 years).

### **April St. Paul Member and Friend Birthdays:**

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends: Iva Fanter, Irene Stoner, Glema Weaver, James Mink, Lillian Roscoe, Harold Fick, Pauline Arndt, Anna Souto, Susan Bennett, David Badarak, Frederick Fanter, Denise Salsbury, Rondalee Laurence, April Clark, Tony McAdam, Dan Durisin, Shirley Heaslip, Shawn Lange, Michael McCleary, Mary Hard, Charmaine Wright, Elizabeth Gish, Amy McGahey, Christopher Logan, Michael Hipp, Nicole McNeely, Ricky Staten, Norma Kane, Jeremy Cappello, Alyssa Killingbeck, Chelsey Schalm, Ryan Grant, Brittany Brandt, James Sauter, Ciera Mack, Kelsey Blanchard, Joseph Caruso and Robert Martinez.

### **April St. Paul Youth Birthdays:**

Happy Birthday to the following youth: Drew Dykowski, Jacob Kaszubowski, Aaron Flomo, Jacob Mathias, Allyson Tidwell, Emma May, Lucas Staffeld, Jake Smart, Bree Magyar, Lillie Krause and Luke Barnosky.

We apologize if we missed your Anniversary or Birthday, but it's because our records don't include all your personal information, please feel free to contact the Church office at (313) 291-1221 and we will gladly update your personal information for you.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Five Young People Confirmed in Faith**

Five ninth graders were confirmed in Christian faith at the Palm Sunday Service on March 25, 10:30 a.m. Luke Frazier, Zachary Miller, Aidan Ostrowski, Emily Pedersen, and Katie Stull. They affirmed their Christian baptism and discipleship in a special ceremony that welcomed into adult membership within our church. After kneeling for consecration and then, rising, each received from the hands of their parents a decorated stole, symbol of the servant's towel that Jesus used to wash the feet of his apostles. Later, on Maundy Thursday, they also received their first communion. All five confirmands have studied for the last two years with Pastor Geoff Drutchas and Sunday School teacher Doreen Thompson at classes held on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

Wednesday evening confirmation classes, which end with Easter, will resume in the fall with a combined first and second year class. Those confirmed in faith in March will have continued opportunity to continue their post-confirmation at the Sunday morning classes led by Mrs. Thompson.

If you have a youth in your family who will be enrolling for eighth grade next fall, they may want to consider confirmation classes in the fall. For more information, speak with Pastor Drutchas or contact the church office (313-291-1221).

## **Lenten Fish Suppers Welcome Over a Thousand Guests**

Our congregation held five Lenten fish suppers during the months of February and March and, as usual, have received great reviews. Three of the dinners were sit-down meals in Fellowship Hall with a carry-out option. The two suppers were strictly drive-thru, making use of a long trailer that was put in place outside the rear double doors of our church's West Room.

Total number of guests served during the five dinners reached 1,510. At the third and final sit-down dinner 402 dinners were sold.

Upcoming later this year is a steak fry that will be held in late July and a pasta supper planned once again for early November. All of our hosted suppers are benefits for our church and organizations.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party Held on March 25th.** The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party was hosted by the Sunday School staff during the Sunday School hour on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of the hour the children decorated eggs and cookies, hunted for Easter Eggs and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Following these activities the children settled down to receive an Easter message and to receive palms. Christian Education would like to thank everyone who donated candy, eggs or their time to help with the party.

**Christian Education Bake Sales a Huge Success.** Christian Education would like to thank everyone who so generously donated baked goods for the three annual bake sales held during the sit down fish dinners. The bake sale table offered a variety of different, beautifully wrapped and bowed baked goods. All proceeds will help to fund Christian Education programs such as the Halloween Trunk or Treat, Easter party and Vacation Bible School.

**Youth Raise Over One and a Half Thousand Dollars to Help Feed the Hungry.** Youth who participated in the 30 Hour Famine raised over \$1,500.00 dollars to help combat world hunger. In addition to raising funds and awareness they also went on a shopping spree to purchase food for the Fish and Loaves food pantry.

Again, they would like to thank all members who have supported their efforts through monetary donations and/or prayer.

**St. Paul's Own Girl Scout Troop** is selling their famous Girl Scout cookies. They are taking pre-orders now. Cookies will be delivered around Valentine's Day (maybe a little sooner) and our sale goes through April 8th, 2018. The six main cookie flavors (Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-Si-dos, & Savannah Smiles) are still only \$4 per box and the two specialty flavors - Toffeetastic (gluten free) & S'mores - are \$5.50 a box. The Troops to Troops donation offer is available again this year, too. For a \$4 donation, our Girl Scout troop will donate a box of cookies to our troops in the US Military. If you would like to place an order and help support our troop, there is an order form available in Fellowship Hall on our Girl Scout board where you can write your order, you can contact Jennifer Berringer at Jberringer3@aol.com (please put "cookie order" in the subject line and be sure to include your contact information). The girls will also be selling cookies during coffee hour once we have them in stock. As always, thank you for supporting our troop and our girls! ♥

**Coffee Hour Drink Spills Have Created a Problem.** Please help us avoid drink spills. Lids are provided during our Coffee Hour for your beverages if you would like to leave the hall with your drink. We have noticed many areas in the building where beverages were spilled. We would like to keep our building looking nice as we can. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank You, St. Paul Building & Grounds Ministry.

**Electronic Giving "Pew Cards"** are available in the Narthex for those who make their donations electronically. The cards can be obtained as you enter the church. Simply drop the card in the offering plate to indicate that you are supporting the St. Paul ministry electronically. Ask any usher for a "Pew Card" or if you have any questions.

### **Christian Education Seeks "2018 - 2019" Nursery Attendant**

It will be with a deep sense of gratitude and sadness that Christian Education and the nursery age children of St. Paul bid nursery attendant, Christine Schwab farewell at the close of the Sunday School year in June. While Christine will continue attending St. Paul, she will no longer be serving in the capacity of nursery attendant. Christine has been a true blessing and a wonderful asset. She will be greatly missed by all.

As a result of Christine's departure Christian Education is seeking a new nursery attendant. The position requires that candidates be 21 years of age or older, complete the "Reduce the Risk" program (offered at the church) and a background check (done at the church). The position pays \$15.00 per service (\$30.00 per two service Sundays). All interested parties should contact Pastor Cheryl Schalm or Sheri Herkimer, Chairperson Christian Education.

### **Volunteer needed for St. Paul Sign Board**

The Building and Grounds Ministry is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to maintain our large St. Paul advertising sign, located to the West of the Church on Goddard Road. Responsibilities would be to update the sign as events are happening at St. Paul (ie: Fish Dinners, Rummage Sale, Blood Drives, etc), training will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering to take over the responsibility for updating the advertising sign should see either Michael Isaacs, John Smith or David Badarak, our St. Paul Trustees.

### **Ushers Needed**

We are seeking volunteers to assist at our Sunday morning worship services. Ushers are an extremely important part of our services. They help St. Paul present a welcoming atmosphere. Anyone interested please speak with the presiding deacon on Sunday mornings or contact Kristi Caruso by phone or text and she will contact you regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

As St. Paul begins to prepare our budget for 2018, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our members and friends. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.stpauluctaylor.org/giving](http://www.stpauluctaylor.org/giving), locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will



enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. St. Paul also offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR reader. If you need additional assistance or have questions, please contact Gary Peters, our Treasurer or Dan Case, Auxiliary Trustee.

**Audio Copies of St. Paul Sunday Worship Services** are available for your listening pleasure. Just log onto the St. Paul Web Site "stpaulucctaylor.org", select the "Our Worship Together" tab, then the Worship Services (Audio)" tab. Directions are given on the Service page. Services are also available on the Mobile application as well. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

### **Memorial Fund**

In Memory of: *Sharon Ferguson* From: Red Hot Purple Angels

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: Ginny & Bob Eichelman, Joyce Scott, Nan Hughes  
Lesesne Scott, Joan & Eugene Homeister

### **Kitchen Fund-**

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: Sewing Guild, Doug & Janet Staffeld

### **Health Ministries Fund**

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: The Dykowski Family

### **Christian Education Growth Fund**

In Memory of: *Rev. Alvin & Sara Kauffman* From: Sue Mrowka

### **Facility Improvement Fund**

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: Gloria Lakatos

### **Organ Fund**

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: Judy & Murl Nieman

### **Generational Endowment Fund**

In Memory of: *Sara Kauffman* From: Richard & Beverly Parks

### **Congregation Receives Generous Bequest**

Our St. Paul congregation has received a generous bequest from the late Sara Kauffman, the wife of the Reverend Alvin Kauffman who served as senior pastor from 1974 to 1987. Sara, who was particularly concerned about a voted reduction in 2018 Unified Budget in support of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ, made a \$4,000 contribution to help restore funding support this year. The gift was intended to underscore the importance of our church's overall support for national and global mission outreach by the UCC. Another \$1,000 donation from the Kauffmans has been designated to support ChristNet, the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, and our annual Youth Mission Trips.

During her husband's tenure as our pastor, Sara actively assisted him in ministry. After retirement, she and Reverend Kauffman moved north. However, Sara returned to

the area and our congregation when Reverend Kauffman passed away. As long as she was able, Sara attended weekly worship services and participated in other ministry activities. She was a resident of Henry Ford Village in Dearborn where Pastor Drutchas regularly visited her.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Thank You to the March Merry Mailers:** Arlene Felske, Karen Hill, Toni Hill, and Gloria Lakatos.

**Love and Deepest Sympathy to** Doris & Ollie Hilliker on the loss of Ollie's brother, Jerome Hilliker, who passed away March 20, 2018 at the age of 92 years.

**Love and Deepest Sympathy to** the Chavez family on the loss of Chris' father, Frank Small, who passed away March 21, 2018.

## **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Fellowship of Concern – Prayer List:** Prayers are requested for the following church members and friends: Edna Badarak, Megan Barnosky, Kim Beyar, Jeff Beyar, Ryan Block, Curt Buzo, Betty Caufield, Shirley Drobil, Phill Felske, Danielle Gardner, Barbara Gish, Vicki Grant, Kyle Hard, Doris Hilliker, Pam Jones, John King, Nancy Kittendorf, Nancy Koszalka, Rev. Bill Kren, Sharon Leonard, Patricia Olsen (Beaumont, Southshore), Joan Rensel, Bob Robinson, Shirley Rohr, Eleanor Rossi, Sue Spears, Kevin Staffeld, Brenda Tank, Linda Tank, Tom Williams, Brad Zabik, and Judy Zabik (Beaumont, Dearborn). *Please contact the church office if your family member or friend needs to be listed longer than three weeks or their health has been restored.*

**Please Pray for our Congregations Extended Family:** Brenda & Bonnie (friends, Daisy Stedman), Justin Collins (son-in-law, Gerri King), Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin (daughter, Shirley Havenstein), Mary Faremont (sister, Richard Wagner), Allison Files (granddaughter, John & Barb Smith), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Robert Grigg (friend, Schalm family), Lynn Harbin (sister, John Smith), Paola Hillebrand (friend, Wendy Warner), Tamsey Hoffman (friend, Sue Mrowka), Kevin Johnson (grandson, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Christopher King, (son, Arlene Felske), Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer Lee (granddaughter, Barb Siemers), Chris Lunsford (friend, Velma McGee), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughter-in-laws, Helene & Neil McEachern), Scott Miller (son, Fred Miller), James Newsome (friend, Barb Schultz), Laura O'Neil (mother, Shawn Block), Nicki Pappas (friend, Velma McGee), Brian Reid (friend, Sue Mrowka), Lynda & Paul Reside (sister-in-law, brother, Arlene Felske), Robert Rider (brother, Virginia Butzlaff), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Richard Sherman (brother, Anne Blanchard), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), Lynn Smith (sister, John Smith), David Staten (brother-in-law, Peggy Staten), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), Donna Vercande (cousin, Kathy Williams), and Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

**Please Pray for our Congregations' Parents:** Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), Bruce Gaither (father, Rebecca Warren), Carol Kuhn (mother-in-law of Lori Kuhn), Stella Ludlam (mother-in-law, Ellen Ludlam), Bill Pinage (father of Brenda Buzo), Sheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), and Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez).

**Church Members & Friend in Nursing or Rehab Care:** Mary Dubke (Amy's Place, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167), Melva Haglund (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193), Ilene Krogman (Applewood Nursing Center, 18500 Van Horn Rd, Room #124, Woodhaven, 48183), Helen Parrish (9637 Janet, Taylor, 48180), Eleanor Rossi (Maple Heights, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, MI 48101), Melissa Rossi (17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125), Vernagene Schafer (Borgess Gardens, 3057 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, 49048), Ben Scherf (904 E. Lake Mitchell Dr., Cadillac 49601), Betty Steinhauer (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd. Riverview, 48193) Grace Torango (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193), and Lisa Wild (Anestic Care Residence, 21071 Tiffany Dr., Woodhaven, 48183).

**Remember Members and friends in our Military:** President Donald Trump, John DeGroat (friend, Don Gardner), Brandon Felske (Air Force, Grandson, Phill & Arlene Felske), Cade Ferguson (Navy, nephew, Patrick Ferguson), 1st Lieutenant Tyler Gillespey (Army, Tacoma, Washington, grandson, Murl & Judy Nieman), Jeremy House (Army, nephew, Ennis & Ostrowski families), Ens. Elizabeth Huntoon (Italy, friend, Jackie Jacobs), James Hurst, Ryan Jernigan (Marines, nephew, Cindy Romas), Kevin Johnson & Stephen Johnson (Navy, grandsons, Patricia Olson), PFC Mitchell Kaczmarek (Marines, nephew, Dan & Lisa Childress), Ryan Klimek (son, Troy & Sheila Klimek), Shawn Laque, Jeff Lassa (Air Force Reserve, son, Evelyn Lassa), Kyle Lassa (Korea, son, Evelyn Lassa), Michaela Lassa (Indiana, Air Force Reserve, daughter-in-law of Evelyn Lassa), Brett Lubic, Chuck Lundine (Nebraska), Brian McCleary (Iraq, brother, Michael McCleary), Jaden Maus (Air Force, Netherlands, granddaughter, Dave & Pam Badarak), Michael Olsen (friend, Richard Williams), CPL Michael Ounanian (Marines, Afghanistan, Grandson, Barb Williams, Volunteer, Fish & Loaves), Dain Runyan (Marines, nephew, Cindy Romas), Nick Sell (friend, Don Gardner), Nicholas Smith (Navy, Florida, husband, Morgan Gillespey-Smith), Sam Smith (nephew, Jeanne & Gene Edwards), Lawrence Stephens (Air Force, New Jersey), Gary Szekely (nephew, Will Tank), Garrett Waggoner (Navy, son, Heidi & David Waggoner), Jason Warner (step-son, Wendy Warner), Christopher Wendt (Navy, Florida, nephew, Cindy Romas), and Brandon Williams (brother, Heather Williams Dykowski).

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