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PASTOR'S PEACE

On Sunday, June 25, five new members were welcomed to St. Paul Church. After reaffirming their Christian baptism as part of a special morning liturgy, Ronald Cornwall, Robin Walker, David Kaiser, Betty Shepherd, and Lorelee Wilson each received membership certificates and packets, a white carnation, the right hand of fellowship, and the applause of our congregation.

David Kaiser and Lorelee Wilson are both transplants from other cities and other UCC congregations. David, who moved to our area for job with the Ford Motor Company, attended St. Paul United Church of Christ in his hometown of Freeburg, Illinois. He feels right at home here.

So does Lorelee who comes to us from a Congregational Church in Buffalo, New York. Before moving to Downriver Detroit, Lorelee was already familiar with us. Visiting her son, longstanding St. Paul member Howard Wilson and daughter-in-law Shelly Wilson, she often attended Christmas and Easter services with us. Lorelee, who now lives in Woodhaven, looks forward to joining her son and daughter-in-law in the pews every Sunday.

Ronald Cornwall and Robin Walker discovered our church online and put it at the top of the list of congregations they wanted to visit in their quest for a church home. They came away from the first service they attended here impressed: they too felt right at home and decided they didn't need to look any further. They've joined us in the pews week after week ever since.

Betty Shepherd has been eager to become a member for months now. St. Paul member Carol Wioncek is Betty's neighbor and first invited her to services along with another friend, Peggy Tunesi. Betty enjoyed the Sunday morning worship services and knew St. Paul was for her. Yet, as luck would have it, every time we got ready to officially welcome new members, Betty had one of those family commitments that can periodically come up for any of us. Needless to say, Betty had the biggest smile when she walked down the aisle on the last Sunday in June after being welcomed into membership. I was smiling too. What a great day for Betty and all of us!

Our new members bring a lot of enthusiasm to our midst. Their commitment to our congregation and our ministry should be a reminder to us all that we have something very important to share with others in Christ. We shouldn't keep our church and its

ministry a secret. I hope that when you meet someone who is looking for a place to grow their own relationship with God and to call their spiritual home that you'll invite them to experience our congregation in all its special flavors and amid all the great things that we do together in worship, mission, fellowship and education. We do them a favor and we serve Christ well when we welcome others to walk together with him in a place where individuals are appreciated and differences are respected in the same way that Jesus did in his ministry.

May we always continue to be an inviting, welcoming congregation in Christ.

Shalom, Pastor Geoff Drutchas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

"Be still and know that I am God" -Psalm 46:10

Perhaps it is the turmoil that besets our world today; the uncertainty of state board test results and job prospects that weigh upon the college student; the economy; the state of our families; our health or our financial state, that has bred a fog of anxiety and anxiousness within ourselves, those we love and within the greater world. The following devotion speaks to the importance of that peaceful, still voice that longs to be heard over all that serves to burden us.

Inner stillness is an absolute necessity to truly knowing God. I remember learning this during a time of great crisis in my life. My entire being seemed to throb with anxiety,, and the sense of need for immediate and powerful action was overwhelming, Yet the circumstances were such that I could do nothing, and the person who could have helped would not move,

For a time it seemed as if I would fall to pieces due to my inner turmoil. Then suddenly "a still small voice" whispered in the depths of my soul, "Be still, and know that I am God." The words were spoken with power and stillness, and forced my troubled spirit into quietness, Only then, while looking up and waiting, did I know that it was God who had spoken. He was in the midst of my crisis and my helplessness, and I rested in Him.

This was an experience I would not have missed for anything. I would also say it was from the stillness that the power seemed to arise to deal with the crisis, and that very quickly brought it to a successful resolution. It was during this crisis I effectively learned that my "strength is to sit still." -Hannah Whitall Smith

How true it is that there is a perfect passivity that is not laziness. It is a living stillness born of trust. Quiet tension is not trust but simply compressed anxiety. May we stay tuned in to that "still, small voice."

In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Over the course of the summer children will have the opportunity to learn how to apply God's word to their daily living. Through Biblical lessons and activities the children will explore God's word and discover for themselves how they are called to apply these lessons to their everyday life.

In order for the summer Sunday School program to be successful adults are needed to lead the weekly lessons. The summer Sunday School program will begin on June 18th

and conclude on September 10th with Rally Sunday and the Sunday School Open House. Due to lower attendance over the summer all children pre-school through fifth grade will meet together in the upstairs' West Room. Older youth will meet with Pastor Schalm in the Senior High classroom. Please consider visiting the Welcome Center on Sunday to select a date to share your faith with the children of St. Paul. All curriculum, materials and snacks are provided.

JULY 2ND	"ELIJAH AND THE RAVENS" _____
JULY 9TH	"ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS" <u>Selena Erickson</u>
JULY 16TH	"JONAH AND THE FISH" <u>Selena Erickson</u>
JULY 23RD	"ELISHA AND THE WIDOW'S JARS" <u>Kari Cappello</u>
JULY 30TH	*****PICNIC SUNDAY*****
AUGUST 6TH	"GOD CHOOSES JOSHUA" _____
AUGUST 13TH	"SPIES IN CANAAN" _____
AUGUST 20TH	"CROSSING THE JORDAN" _____
AUGUST 27TH	"JERICHO" _____
SEPTEMBER 3RD	"COURAGEOUS DISCIPLES" _____

In addition to Summer Sunday School teachers, **Christian Education is in need of Fall Sunday School teachers to lead the Pre-school and Kindergarten class** and to assist with the 4th/5th grade class. All interested should contact Pastor Schalm.

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Summer Services for Travelers Planned

Heading out for the summer weekend and going to miss Sunday morning services at church? Why not try meeting up for worship on a Thursday evening before heading out of town? That's the opportunity that will be provided this July as Pastors Geoff Drutchas and Cheryl Schalm pilot three Thursday evening services on July 6, 13, and 20.

The services will be a little shorter, informal and outdoors—weather permitting. They will begin at 7 p.m. but be preceded by a light grilled supper of brauts and hot dogs, salad, chips, and dessert at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be provided but those participating are also invited to bring a favorite lawn chair for comfort. Come try a different summer worship experience.

Semi-Annual Meeting Planned for Second July Sunday

St. Paul members attending our congregation's semi-annual meeting on July 9 will hear reports on mid-year budget progress, current building projects, and vote on a revision to the Church by-laws previously submitted for consideration and reviewed at the annual congregational meeting in January. The proposed By-law changes simply incorporate updated position descriptions for Council members and church staff positions. At the meeting, newly-appointed members of the Church Council Dave Badarak (Trustee), Barb Schultz (Elder), and Dee Salsbury (Deacon), who are filling unexpired terms, will be introduced to the congregation.

The meeting, which follows the single service of worship, is expected to be relatively brief.

Church members arriving for the morning service at 9:30 a.m. are asked to sign-in for the meeting in the narthex to help assure a quorum for church business. There will not be a fellowship period that Sunday following the semi-annual meeting.

Youth prepare to serve the less fortunate in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Spots for the "2017" summer mission trip to the upper peninsula are full. If you are still interested in going please see Pastor Schalm to have your name added to the waitlist. Following is the schedule for the "2017" youth summer mission trip. We anticipate an awesome week of representing Christ well by providing great community service, by enjoying his beautiful world, by engaging in Christian fellowship and by growing in His Word.

"2017" Summer Mission Trip

- Sunday, July 9th -** 9:30 a.m. – Depart for Sault Ste. Marie
Arrive Sault Ste. Marie 3:00 P.M.
- Monday, July 10th -** 9:00 a.m. - noon /Community Service
Diane Peppler Resource Center & Shelter
12:30 pm: Depart for Houghton Baptist Church,

Tuesday, July 11th/ Wednesday, July 12th / Thursday, July 13th:

Daily Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – Devotions / Worksite Orientation
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Worksite
Noon – Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Worksite
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Free time & Showers / Clean-up
5:30 p.m. – Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Evening Activity
9:00 p.m. – Evening Group Devotions
11:00 p.m. – Lights Out

Worksites: Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly / The Cat House (Animal Shelter) / The Oak House (Group Home for the disabled)

Evening Activities: Houghton County Historical Museum Complex / Shops / Nara Nature Park / Ray Kestner Waterfront Park

- Friday, July 14th -** 8:00 am: Depart for Mackinaw City
Lunch & Visit at Richard and Lola Gish's Summer House
Explore & Dinner in Mackinaw City

- Saturday, July 15th -** 8:00 am: Depart for St. Paul / Anticipated
Arrival: 2:30 p.m.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE MISSION TRIP. IN ADDITION, THANK YOU TO ALL THE YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED IN ALL THE FUNDRAISERS IN ORDER TO THE RAISE THE MONEY NEEDED TO MAKE THIS TRIP. THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED AND ENSURED THAT THEIR CHILDREN PARTICIPATED.

Youth Stock now available for Funding for Mission Trip

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 or by calling Pastor Schalm.

Caregivers Meet on Third Monday

The St. Paul Caregivers group will be meeting on Monday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. Led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas and Parish Nurse Kathy Williams, the Caregivers gathering provides an opportunity for church members and friends to share caregiving experiences in a setting of mutual encouragement and support.

Newcomers are welcome to attend. Please speak with Pastor Drutchas or Kathy Williams if you have questions or would like more information about the group. You can also contact the church office at (313-291-1221)

Sewing Guild -- Sew 'n Sews -- Please join us for a little sewing and a lot of fellowship at our next meeting on Thursday July 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch, dessert and coffee is provided. P/S: No sewing skill required!

Calling All Campers! Plan Now to Get S'more of Jesus

Grab your flashlight and prepare to camp! We're excited about this year's Vacation Bible School program to be held July 24th – July 27th. This year's program, CAMP OUT is certain to provide youngsters with adventure, insight, fun and fellowship! As children participate in fun-filled activities, they will find ultimate truth in Jesus! All participants will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks.

The exploration will begin on Monday, July 24th at 6:30 p.m. and conclude each day at 8:30 p.m. The Family CAMP OUT will be held on Sunday, July 30th to coincide with the all church picnic. During the picnic's morning worship service children will be sharing their songs and stories with the congregation. Afterwards, they will enjoy children's games, a bouncer and a water slide. A great time can be expected by all.

Plan now to bring the kids, grandkids, neighbor kids and friends to "Camp Out." Registration forms can be obtained from Pastor Schalm or in the church office. If you are interested in helping with this year's program please contact Pastor Schalm.



Getting S'more of  **Jesus**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHERE: St. Paul UCC * 24158 Goddard* Taylor, MI
(313) 291-1221

WHEN: July 24 – July 27
TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*Family Picnic & Closing Ceremony will be held during the all church picnic on July 30th.
All Welcome!*

*Games *** Crafts *** Snacks *** Music ***
Fun, Interactive Bible Lessons*

Men's Fellowship Ministry of St. Paul to host their Third Annual "Steak Fry"

The event will take place at the Church under the BIG TOP on Friday, July 28th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. The men of St. Paul will be available to assist you with the grilling of a New York Strip Steak or a BBQ Chicken Breast, your choice. Dinner will also include a Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Dessert and Beverage. You will want to purchase your ticket in advance to reserve your steak or chicken, since only a limited number of steaks or chicken will be available at the door for purchase. Tickets are \$14 per person and will be available at the Kiosk Table during Coffee Hour or by calling the Church Office at 313-291-1221. All "Grill Masters" are invited to participate, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Poet, Gary Staffeld, or Dan Case. It promises to be an enjoyable evening so come on down and bring your friends.

Picnic Weekend Campers Invited

All St. Paul Church members are invited to camp out on the church grounds during Picnic Weekend, July 28-30. Campers, RVs, and trailers, as well as tents, are all welcome. Electrical hook-ups can be provided but your RSVP (313-291-1221) is needed no later than Monday, July 24. A site plan for St. Paul campers will be worked out based upon the number of RSVPs received. In making your RSVP please indicate your space and electrical needs. There is no charge to camp during Picnic Weekend.

St. Paul will once again host a Vendor Arcade

This year's All-Church Picnic on July 30 will offer a Vendor's Arcade with dealers offering an array of products from cosmetics to clothing and household goods. Each vendor will be renting a table for \$25 with proceeds defraying picnic expenses. Sharon Leonard is coordinating the Vendors Arcade. Additional vendors, whether church members or friends, are welcome. Deadline for requesting a Vendor Arcade table is Monday, July 24. Please call the church office to sign up.

All-Church Picnic Set for Last July Sunday

Mark your calendars now. Our all-fun, all-church picnic is set for Sunday, July 30. Our picnic morning will begin with a 9:30 a.m. coffee hour hosted by the Men's Fellowship in the West Room. An outdoor service follows at 10 a.m., culminating with a fun presentation by the Vacation Bible School participants. The picnic then gets underway outdoors with a host of activities that will take us right through the afternoon. A lunch buffet will be served starting at 11:45 a.m. with a free-will offering invited to defray expenses. The Dorcas Society, one of our church's women's groups, will be hosting an ice cream social and Sundae Bar at 2 p.m. Picnic activities in the late morning and afternoon include a variety of games for all ages. Bingo will be offered under the Big-top tent. Once again, there will be a Vendor's Arcade where church members can do shopping.

The all-church picnic is open to your friends: invite them. Picnic Sunday is a great time to meet the congregation at its friendliest. Dress casual for the day. You may

want to bring a lawn chair for your own comfort. Need more information about Picnic Sunday? Call the church office at 313-291-1221.

PICNIC SUNDAY SCHEDULE - Sunday July 30, 2017

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Taylor

Bring a lawn chair to relax on our shaded church green...

Sunday a.m.

9:30.....Coffee & Donuts Fellowship—Hosted by Men’s Fellowship West Room

10:00.....Outdoor Worship Service under the Big-Top Tent

11:00.....Banana Nut Bingo

11:30.....Vendor Arcade Opens, Games for all Ages

11:45.....Lunch Buffet (Sloppy Joes, Grilled hot dogs on bun, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, chips, cut vegetables, and fresh fruit salad)

12 Noon.....Games Continue: “Horse” and “Wagon Wheel” Basketball,
Horseshoes, and still more!

Sunday p.m.

12:15.....Three Inning Baseball Game on Diamond (Come cheer the teams!)

12:30.....Water slide for kids (bring swim suits)

2:00.....Ice Cream Social & Sundae Bar – Hosted by Dorcas Society

2:15.....WaterBalloon Toss, Volleyball

2:30.....Announcement of Raffle and Gift Basket Winners

3:00.....Close & Clean-Up

Please note: Your help is needed for a quick clean-up as the picnic concludes on Sunday

Help Needed with Picnic Weekend Food Preparation

Volunteers are needed to help with the food preparation for Weekend at St. Paul United Church. The Men’s Fellowship will be setting up for its second annual Steak Fry on Friday afternoon, July 28. Additional hands are welcomed as the men host a major fundraising event for the church.

The following afternoon, Saturday, July 29, 4 p.m., the Women’s Fellowship and our chartered Girl Scout Troop will be cutting fruits and vegetables for the next day’s picnic lunch. But you don’t have to be either Women’s Fellowship member or a Girl Scout to pitch in too. As the prepping of fruits and vegetables finishes, another team, led by Pam Lange, will be arriving at 5 p.m. to prepare ingredients for Sloppy Joes. Join the team!

Next day, on Sunday morning, beginning at 8 a.m., volunteers are needed to shuck freshly picked corn and prepare baked beans in our large church roasters. Later that morning at 11:15, more help is needed to quick cook corn-on-the-cob for the picnic

crowd, grill hot dogs for kids, and to staff the buffet table that will set up outside under a dining fly. Dorcas Society members will be hosting the ice cream social: Dorcas members should be on hand in the kitchen at 1:00 p.m. to get everything organized to set up a sundae bar and serve ice cream.

With dedicated teamwork, this year's Picnic Weekend promises once again to be a good eating time!

Christian Education to Lead Children's Games at Annual Church Picnic

As is customary, Christian Education will once again host the children's games at the annual all-church picnic being held on Sunday, July 30th. In addition to the traditional kiddie-carnival games, children will have the opportunity to bounce in the bounce house and to cool off on the waterslide. In addition, we will be holding our annual "goodie" walk. Baked goods will be needed and are appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help run the children's games. Anyone interested should see or contact Pastor Schalm.

Red Hot Purple Angels Outings-July, August & September

Please join us for our Christmas in **July on Thursday, the 27th at 6:30 PM** at Kathy Williams' house. You are welcome to come at 6 PM to walk the labyrinth garden. Please bring a dish to pass, vegetable, fruit or a dessert. Kathy will provide the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, pulled barbecue pork and drinks. Please bring a wrapped present (valued at \$5-10) for an exchange. Directions-take Ecorse Road west past Middlebelt and Wayne Rd. Turn left or south at the next traffic light on Cogswell Rd. Drive a little over 1 mile passing Wick Rd., to the 5th house on the left at the stop ahead sign, 9385 Cogswell. Or, take I-94 west to Vining Rd exit (exit just after the airport exit), turn right on Vining, then left on Wick, take Wick Rd until it dead ends, turn left on Cogswell. Phone, 734-941-8134.

August 16 – Wednesday - Cranbrook grounds. Luncheon at 11AM followed by a tour of the house and gardens. The cost is \$30. We will carpool from church at 10 AM. Kathy Williams is the contact. You can purchase your own ticket online at <https://housegardens.cranbrook.edu/events/2017-08/cranbrook-house-tour-lunch> Make sure that you choose the August 16 date.

September 28–Thursday –Trip to the Belle Isle. We will tour the island, go to the Conservatory and possible the aquarium and eat lunch. We will carpool from church time TBD closer to the event.

Michindoh Youth Retreat Throwback

Christian Education will be sponsoring a youth retreat throwback for all post high school graduates. Many of these young people participated in the youth group fall retreats held at the Michindoh Camp and Conference Center while in youth group. Now graduated from High School, they are employed full time, attending college and/or are married or engaged. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with all your old pals and to spend a night where so many wonderful memories were made. The throwback weekend will be held on August 12th - August 13th. If you are interested in attending please contact Pastor Schalm.

August Worship Leaders Announced

Those leading August worship services at St. Paul United Church of Christ in the absence of Pastor Geoff Drutchas during his time of sabbatical and vacation are no strangers to our congregation. Pastor Cheryl Schalm and graduate seminarian Ethan Drutchas will each be leading two worship services. Ethan Drutchas will be officiating at worship services on Sundays, August 6 and 13, with Pastor Schalm, leading back-to-back services on Sundays, August 20 and 27. They will be assisted by lay members of our congregation who will be offering announcements and scripture lessons. Ethan Drutchas, the nephew of our senior pastor, is a graduate of the Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee and is preparing for ordination in the United Church of Christ this coming fall. Ethan has interned at our church and at the start of his seminary studies was designated by our Council as a resident seminarian.

Please support those leading August worship by your presence and faithful participation in worship as they each share their insights on the living the Christian life with us in the weeks ahead.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Shalom – Chronic disease group meeting. We usually meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 PM. Our next meeting is July 10 at 1 PM. The August meeting is scheduled for the 10th. Check the MorningTide for additional information regarding topics and/or speakers.

Exercise Classes - Exercise is important to our health. We are doing *Zumba* or other exercise to a DVD at 3 PM on Wednesday in the West Room unless otherwise advertised. Check the MorningTide for changes/updates.

Enhance Fitness – We will be having a 4 session exercise demo from *12 noon-1 PM* on Wednesday August 2 & 9, and Monday, Aug 7 & 14. Exercise can be done while sitting in a chair or standing. Delesa Hampton will be our instructor. All are welcome to participate.

Blood Drive Results - On Tuesday, June 20, we held a blood drive. **(28)** donors presented and **23** pints were collected. We met our goal. Thanks to all those who participated. The most important number of all **23** patients lives will be touched by this drive!

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

Call List Updates

If you are not part of our e-mail notifications and would like to be notified by a phone call of any important happenings, immediate needs or concerns of your church family please contact the church office with your name and phone number and you will be added to our list.

BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

July St. Paul Member and Friend Anniversaries:

Happy Anniversary to the following couples: Thomas and Kathleen Williams (47 years), Charlie and Marjie Barnard (46 years), April and Steve Clark (36 years), Jeanne and Gene Edwards (29 years), Michelle and Richard Vignola (20 years), Jason and Julia-Joy Miller (19 years) and Kirk and Anne Blanchard (18 years).

August St. Paul Member and Friend Anniversaries: David and Elaine Cowper (65 years), Harmon and Alice Beekman (60 years), Harry and Danielle Gardner (59 years), Rev. Norman and Judy Kirsch (53 years), Richard and Ada Wagner (52 years), Margaret and Benny Hall (47 years), Daniel and Dorothy Evison (47 years), Ronald and Marion Bolen (46 years), Gary and Kathy Peters (44 years), Marge and Gene Charette (41 Years), Daniel and Deborah Case (41 years), Randy and Christie Smart (29 years), Dan and Lynn Durisin (23 years), Lisa and Jame Moore (21 Years), Matthew and Amy McGahey (13 years), Amanda Ajula and Arthur Apiyo (9 years) and Richard Williams and Christine Gilliland (2 years).

July St. Paul Member and Friend Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends: Helen Parrish, Vernagene Schafer, Thelma Poet, Marquerite Dolan, Burdette Boyd, Shirley Zabik, Ann Anderson, Shirlen Powell, Harry Gardner, Janet Enesey, Mary Herkimer, Loretta Kurtzel, Richard Wagner, Judy Albright, Carol Komyathy, Margaret Hall, Linda Tank, Patrick Ferguson, Suzanne Mrowka, Daniel Case, Douglas Staffeld, James Poet, Eileen Vernor Drutchas, Carolyn Bresky, Kay Kaszubowski, Lori Rogers, Troy Klimek, Eugene Kincaid, Bert Thompson, Michelle Matney, Inez Ogonowski, Michelle Vignola, Randy Smart, Lisa Moore, Jason Miller, Kelly Elliott, Wesley Swain, Ryan Kulhanek, Amanda Ajulu, Gregory Block, Lisa MacZink, Rebecca Kronemann, Richard Rice, Brittany Keith, Scott Dreaver, Katelyn Rogers, Kari Hubert, DeAnna Schalm, Austin Basley, Allana Beyer, Mikayla Black and Darleen Babin.

August St. Paul Member and Friend Birthdays: Juanita Davis, Betty Hagerty, Mac Gardner, Donna Pletz, Harmon Beekman, Jane Dykowski, Sandra Rose, Betty Langlois, Ronald Hinzmann, Betty Caufield, Brenda Tank, Ronald Bolen, Thomas Tank, Frank Wolfram, Sharon Podpora, David Kulhanek, Beverly Kulhanek, Marilyn Lang, Gary Peters, Luann Swain, Linda Miles, Gunter Berndl, Sandra Ennis, Lori Kuhn, Leah Wagner, Carl Wackro, Jack Miller Jr., William Pattenaude, Jamie Dowell, Andrea Tidwell, Matthew McGahey, James Hubert Jr., Kyle Boker, Eric Poet, Jenna Thie, Laura Staffeld, Ian Burk, Russell Hubert, Joanna Rogers, Melissa Winter, Michael Matney, Alexis Holton, Haley Dowell, Hannah Dowell, Devin Basley, Elisabeth Isaacs and Bruce Burnham.

July St. Paul Youth Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following youth: Kaylee Kessler, Alexander Ogonowski, Ainsley McGahey, Alanna Ogonowski, and Ellianna Janiga.

August St. Paul Youth Birthdays: Hayden Robbins, Aidan Ostrowski, Aiden Ferguson, Lily Forsyth, Kylie Warren, Madison Swain, Cash Erickson, Marci Gish-Carleton, Logan Staffeld, Cali Staten, Brooklyn McCLeary and Castiel Medrano-Kane.

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

Thirsty Thursday's Young Adult Bible Study Continues to Study the Sermon on the Mount

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. Please consider joining us

"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: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What's in it for me?

Thursday's truths (according to God!)

Will there be food?

Yes, and beverages (No, not that kind!)

Will I need a Bible or anything?

No, everything will be provided

Will this be all formal and boring?

No, it will be laid back, welcoming, faith-based and a time to learn and grow; a spiritual planet fitness of sort "a no-judgement zone."

What if I can't make it all the time?

Come when you can. Readings and summaries of all gatherings will be provided. If you are away at school and would like to participate let Mrs. Schalm know. She will hook you up!

Can I bring a friend?

The more the merrier!

Who qualifies as a young adult?

For the purpose of attending Thirsty Thursdays, anyone who wants to come and hear what God has to say.

Okay, can I let you know soon if I'm interested in attending?

Sure, my number is 734.255-0935

Calling All High School Graduates, College & Trade School Students

Christian Education is in need of all college, trade school, and "2017" High School graduate addresses. In addition, we would like your picture to include on our "YOUNG ADULT, MOVING FORWARD" bulletin board. Please forward all information and pictures to Pastor Schalm.

West Room to get new air conditioning system

The Building and Grounds Ministry has approved the installation of air conditioning and new Window Treatment for the West Room. With the installation of the new windows the older window air conditioning units were no longer compatible and could not be used with the new windows. The new air conditioning system is energy efficient and will also serve as a heat source in the winter. Members or organizations utilizing the West room will now have the advantage of keeping cool on those many scorching summer days. Installation will begin on Wednesday, July 5th. New Window treatment will be installed at a later date, the Women's Fellowship will be helping to pick out the color for the new inside mount blinds. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Building and Grounds Ministry.

Confirmation Classes Coming – Put-in-Bay Retreat Planned

It's still summer. But fall will be arriving sooner than we know with the start of school and the resumption of confirmation classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

This year's confirmation classes were exciting adventure of faith for participating eighth and ninth graders. The classes, which meet from September through Easter every year, prepare our young people to affirm their baptism vows by making a personal decision for Christ as young adults. Classes culminate in a moving Palm Sunday service at the end of the second year of study.

This year's confirmation classes will kick off with an orientation and ice cream social on Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m., immediately followed that Saturday, September 9th with a day-long retreat at Put-in-Bay. The retreat provides a chance for confirmands to be get to know each other as we share an adventurous day, beginning with a boat across Lake Erie to South Bass Island. For the rest of the day we will be biking around the island with stops at various locations that tie-in with a "scriptural itinerary" prepared by Pastor Geoff Drutchas. One of the stops will include another boat ride across the Put-in-Bay Harbor to visit the Ohio State University Marine Biology Laboratory on Gibraltar Island. We will view the marine biology laboratory and visit Cooke Castle. Pastor Geoff Drutchas leads the retreat along with parent chaperones.

All eighth and ninth graders are invited to enroll for confirmation classes. Please encourage your child or grandchild to participate in a wonderful program that offers strong, positive peer fellowship and an opportunity to grow in a deeper understanding of their own Christian faith.

Dorcas Sponsored Women's Retreat - Mark your calendars for this years women's retreat to be held the weekend of September 9th and 10 (with the availability to also go up Friday night the 8th) at the Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale Michigan. Just a drive of a little over an hour brings you to your destination where we stay in hotel style rooms and have our meeting space and eat our meals all under one roof. During break times you can walk around the trails or just chill on the beach or if weather permitting take a dip in the pool or the lake. Cost \$97 for Saturday and Sunday (additional charge of \$55 to stay on Friday).

In the coming weeks there will be more information shared regarding this event so watch your morning tide, tidings and mail for further information. Have questions just call the office (313) 291-1221 and leave your name and number and someone will get back with you to answer any questions.

Daily Devotional Books

We have been using "These Days" as our Daily Devotional booklet available in the narthex for many years. I have had a few people tell me that they prefer "Our Daily Bread. I looked into the possibility of changing. The results were: 1) "Our Daily Bread" comes in both large print and regular print ("These Days" only comes in regular print; 2) there is not a set cost for Our Daily Bread, but there is a set cost for "These Days" We will be trying out "Our Daily Bread" for the remainder of the year. We did receive the July -Sept. copies of "These Days" We also have regular print and large print sample editions of Our Daily Bread. Please try the sample copies until the dated copies are available. Copies are available in the narthex. Contact Kathy Williams with your feedback.

How can I Help?

When men and women feel a genuine sense of belonging to the body of Christ, they inevitably hear Christ calling them to care, share, and help. There are many different ways in which you can make a difference in the life of our congregation. Are you ready to Volunteer? New Volunteer forms are now available online to send your interests directly to our various group leaders needing help in our worship services and various upcoming events. This is simply in addition to filling out a "Make a Wish" card or contacting the Church office with your wish to be placed on our volunteer lists. The electronic form can be accessed by clicking on the volunteer button on our website homepage. Printable forms are available on our "Church Forms" website page or within the office. Volunteer to be added to the appropriate volunteer listings and we'll help you find the right opportunities for your passions and talents! Become a part of a volunteer group and, in serving them, serve Christ.

Lectors Needed for Sunday Morning Services

Scripture readers are needed to read during Sunday morning services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. No previous experience is needed and training can be provided.

Copies of all readings for lectors, based on the Good News (NIV) translation found in our pew bibles, are available on Thursday or Friday of each week and for your convenience can be emailed to you by our church's administrative assistant, Cindy Romas.

Those interested in volunteering as lectors are asked to notify the church office and Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas by completing a Make-a-Wish card from the sanctuary pews and adding it to the morning office plate.

Annual All Church Kitchen Clean-up

The St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry will be hosting its Annual Kitchen Clean-up in August, final date to be announced in the Morning Tide and via the new E-mail System. Time will be from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All cleaning supplies and special equipment will be provided; all you need to do is come to the church in your work clothes ready to help clean. Please plan on coming to help even if you can only stay for one hour all help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Gary Staffeld or Dan Case or call the Church office at 313-291-1221.

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.

Electronic Giving might be an option for you during the Summer months

With the Summer months coming quickly and many of you going on vacation or maybe just going to your lake property for the weekend, we just want to remind you that St. Paul has contracted with Vanco Payment Solutions to provide an online electronic giving option for you. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual members and provides a much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can easily create an account and schedule your gifts, or give a one-time gift without creating an account.

As you plan your summer vacations, please consider electronic giving as an option to support St. Paul during the summer months. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stpauluctaylor.org/giving, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. St. Paul also offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. 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.



'Tree of Faith' Continues to Grow

A handsome "Tree of Faith" honoring and memorializing past and present members, as well as help repay our loan from endowment funds for our 'Room with a View' project continues to grow. There is still opportunity to secure your own commemorative leaf for those you want to honor. The cost of each leaf is \$300, which includes three lines of engraving with twenty characters possible on each line. Typical inscriptions begin "In Honor of..." or "In Loving Memory of..." "Tree of Faith" cards with boxed spaces to help you plan and layout your proposed inscription can be found in each sanctuary pew rack.

The Tree of Faith is located in the church narthex near the entrance to our church's "Family Room" addition. The Tree is illuminated by spot lighting, insuring visibility at all hours of our church life.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE JUNE 11, 2017 ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, TAYLOR

Johnathon P. Bachran

High School Diploma – John F. Kennedy High School, Taylor – Early College

**Kayla Chavez*

High School Diploma – Cabrini High School

**Christine Cady*

High School Diploma – Roosevelt High School

Joshua Eisenga

Master Degree – Occupational Therapy – Saginaw State University

**Moses Flomo*

Medical Billing & Coding, Office Administration

**Rachel Frazier*

High School Diploma – Allen Park High School

**Matthew Isaacs*

High School Diploma – John F. Kennedy High School – Taylor

**Hannah Johnson*

High School Diploma – Summa Cum Laude -- Henry Ford Academy

**Benjamin Russell Kittendorf*

High School Diploma – Arbor Preparatory High School -- Ypsilanti

**Sean Lawson*

High School Diploma – Allen Park High School

**Alexander James Mink*

High School Diploma – Woodhaven High School

**Jacob Peter Ochab*

High School Diploma – Grosse Ile High School

**Crystal Poet*

Bachelor Degree – Marketing & Communications – Eastern Michigan University

**Allison Salo*

High School Diploma – Airport High School

**Morgan Meredith Schalm*

Bachelor Degree – Athletic Training & Kinesiology – Michigan State University

Kristen Strawsine

Master's Degree – Educational Technology – Central Michigan University

**Emily Ann Winter*

Associate Degree -- Applied Science in Medical Assisting – Baker College, Allen Park

**Melissa Renee Winter*

Bachelor of Science – Veterinary Technology – Michigan State University

*Indicates graduates who are current St. Paul members.

Other graduates: High School graduates: John (J.D.) Martin, Nicole King
Missy King

College graduates: Arthur Apiyo, Naomi Rice, Alex King

Sunday School Promotions

Nursery to Pre-School

Gracie Barnosky, Eleanor Ruffner

Pre-School / Kindergarten to Lower Elementary (1-3 grade)

Koston Erickson, Patricia Flomo, Cameron Maher, Bradley Patterson, Gavin Smith, Cali Staten, Alex Tidwell, Ethan Warren, Naytala Kowalski-Peralta

Lower Elementary to Higher Elementary (4th-5th)

Evelyn Hard, Jacob Mathias, Luke Smart

Higher Elementary to Junior High (6th-7th)

Ethan Hard, Kyler Ostrowski, Anthony Staten, Jacob Wright

Junior High to Confirmation (8th-9th)

Andrew Caruso, Aaron Flomo, Carlee Robbins, Tyler Staten, Meredith Stull

Confirmation to High School or Sanctuary

Cole Haas, Abigail Johnson, Katie Kincaid, Sam Kincaid, Jacob Miller, Jordyn Miller, Nick Mink, Hayden Robbins

Fish & Loaves Pantry Hosts 'Par for the Course' Golf Outing

The Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry will be hosting its ninth annual 'Par for the Course' Golf Outing on Saturday, September 16, 2017. This year's golf outing will be held at the award-winning Lakes of Taylor Golf Club on Northline Road.

The Golf Outing begins with an 8 a.m. registration, followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start for 18 holes of golf. Lunch will be served at the turn. Dinner will be served at the Clubhouse with bar service offered. Total cost including golf, cart, and meals is \$100 per person.

All funds raised by the golf outing support the non-profit Fish & Loaves Pantry, which annually distributes 1.5 million pounds of free food to Downriver families who are in need.

Fish & Loaves also welcomes sponsors--\$100 to \$10,000. For more information and to register, call Fish & Loaves at (734) 992-6284 or check out the Events page at www.DownriverFishAndLoaves.org.

Pastor Offers Commencement Prayers

Pastor Geoff Drutchas was invited to offer the invocation and benediction for commencement exercises at Wayne County Community College at the Joe Louis Arena on June 10, 2017. Pastor Drutchas' closing prayer appears in full below:

O God, as this joyful occasion ends and we, diplomas in hand, depart, bless us again. In the face of all the exciting possibilities that await us, keep us mindful of our responsibility to live for more than just ourselves. Guide us to use our gifts and skills for the benefit of many that might, serving your larger purposes, build a better world together where truth, righteousness, and love shine. Amen.

Area UCC Pastors Meet to Discuss Collaboration

Ministers from five Downriver UCC churches met on Sunday, June 25, to discuss possible collaboration in the church year ahead. Pastor Geoff Drutchas invited fellow clergy to the meeting and hosted it in our St. Paul Church parlor.

Participating pastors identified three areas where our congregation might effectively cooperate and collaborate: (1) training and educating church members on leadership; (2) faith fellowship (i.e., periodic programs and activities open to each other or jointly organized); and (3) mission projects.

The pastors will keep in touch online during the summer and plan to meet again at the end of September with Trinity-St. Marks UCC next hosting.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

B.O.F FUND -

In Honor of: *Mark Ennis* From: The Dykowski Family

ORGAN FUND -

In Memory of: *Lillian Fick* From: Doug & Janet Staffeld

In Memory of: *Al Whited* From: Doug & Janet Staffeld

MEMORIAL FUND-

In Memory of: *Monique Kovach* From: Jason Warner

In Memory of: *Don Pearson* From: Phyllis Pearson, Eugene & Margo Charette

In Memory of: *Richard Grzywacz* From: Eugene & Margo Charette

In Memory of: *Charles Dickelman* From: Eugene & Margo Charette

In Memory of: *Lillian Fick* From: Irene Stoner

HEALTH MINISTRIES FUND-

In Memory of: *Paul E. Hard* From: Cindy Romas

In Memory of: *Helen Kincaid* From: Cindy Romas

GENERAL FUND-

In Memory of: *Lillian Fick* From: Phill & Arlene Felske

CHRISTIAN ED FUND-

In Memory of: *William Louis Schwab Sr.* From: Cindy Romas

TREE OF FAITH LEAF-

The Ruffner Family

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Thank You to the June Merry Mailers: Fred Miller, Arlene Felske, Jamie Dowell, Karen Hill, and Toni Hill.

A WARM SINCERE "THANK YOU" to everyone at St. Paul for all of the good wishes and support you all have shared with me over the last 17 years and especially for the wonderful "send-off celebration." It's truly been an honor to serve as your Music Director. With God's song in my heart, Mark.

A special "THANK YOU": Tim Ruffner, Dee Salsbury, Harold Fick, Michael Isaacs, Gary Staffeld, Jim Poet, Diane Poet, Candace Poet, John Smith, Cheryl Schalm, and Dan Case for helping trim the trees on the Church Property. People driving by the Church on Goddard now have a clear view of our beautiful church and surrounding grounds.
St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry

WELCOMED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH: Ronald Cornwall, Robin Walker, Betty Shepherd, Lorelee Wilson, and David Kaiser. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

BAPTIZED UNTO THE LORD, Allison Marie Conratto, born September 13, 2016 to Katelyn Rogers and Michael Contratto. St. Paul Grandparents are Lori & Ronald Rogers. Proud aunt Joanna Rogers.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Family & Friends of David Walker, Sr. who passed away June 21, 2017 at the age of 98 years. Visitation is Monday, June 26th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 9800 Telegraph Rd, Taylor. Funeral is Tuesday, June 27th at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas is officiating.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY Branden, Lauren & Sarahann Magyar on the loss of mother & grandmother, Mary Magyar, who passed away June 21, 2017. Visitation is Tuesday, June 27th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd, Taylor. Funeral is Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas is officiating.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Schwab and Hard families on the loss of husband, father, and grandfather, William Schwab, Sr., who passed away June 1, 2017 at the age of 71 years. Funeral service was June 4, 2017. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas officiated. Arrangements by Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, Michigan.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Christi Freeman and Terri Coulston and family on the loss of mother, grandmother, Nelda M. Ohlinger, who passed away June 9, 2017 at the age of 82 years. Funeral was Sunday, June 11, 2017. Arrangements by Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park Chapel.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN – PRAYER LIST: Prayers are requested for the following church members and friends: Megan Barnosky, Ed Burham, Nancy Cady, Shirley Drobil, Phill Felske, Sharon Ferguson, Ollie Hilliker, Velma McGee, Michelle Mellin, Murl Nieman, Janet Parant, Bev Parks, Kathy Peters, Shirleen Powell, Joan Rensel, LaVerne Roe, Eleanor Rossi, Ann Schmoekel, Glen Sigman, Kevin Staffeld, Paula Strawsine, Lorelee Wilson and Shelly Wilson. *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 CONGREGATION'S EXTENDED FAMILY: Tamsey Hoffman (friend, Sue Mrowka), Jack Jones (uncle, Arlene Felske), Chris Lunsford (friend, Velma McGee), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughter-in-laws, Helene & Neil

McEachern), Nicki Pappas (friend, Velma McGee), Brian Reid (friend, Sue Mrowka), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), Mary Ann Stampinato (friend, Daisy Stedman), Aaron St. Louis (nephew, Marjie & Charlie Barnard), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez), Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS' PARENTS: Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), Carol Kuhn (mother-in-law of Lori Kuhn), Stella Ludlam (mother-in-law, Ellen Ludlam), Bill Pinage (father of Brenda Buzo), Judy Schalm (mother of Jim Schalm), Cheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), Frank Small (father of Chris Chavez), and Hubert Williams (father of Kathy & Tom Williams).

CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN NURSING OR REHAB CARE: Melva Haglund (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193), 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).

Link to our online: [CHURCH CALENDAR](#)



St. Paul United Church of Christ Taylor

Financial Performance

PNC ENDOWMENT FUND

First Quarter Financial Performance 2017

<i>Change in Account Value</i>	2016 Ending	Year-to-Date March 2017
Beginning Value		\$104,874.30
Deposits/Withdrawals		\$9,350.00
Income		\$245.22
Change in Investment		\$4,381.73
Ending Value	\$104,874.30	\$118,498.89
%Gain/Loss	12%	4.18%

<i>Change in Account Value</i>	December Ending	Year-to-Date 2017
Ending Value Endowment	\$104,874.30	\$118,498.89
Asset Depreciation Fund	\$29,832.27	\$ 31,373.91
Adjusted Endowment Account Value	\$75,042.03	\$ 87,124.98

