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PASTOR'S PEACE

Can you believe it? Our Protestant Churches are almost 500 years old! Our birthday arrives at the end of October, coinciding with All Saints' Day (the day following Halloween) when Martin Luther pounded 99 complaints or objections to then-current church practices to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral in Germany where everybody could read them. Luther set in motion a revolution of sorts that grew beyond anything he ever anticipated. It spawned dozens, if not hundreds, of different Christian communions, each claiming to best embody the way of Christ. For years, being a Protestant was a big thing. Those were days when it seemed so important to make absolutely clear that we weren't Roman Catholic. Many people were even averse to using the word "Catholic" in reciting the Apostles' Creed—better to translate it as "universal." Now, however, our Protestant identity is becoming vaguer and vaguer. Folks aren't even sure what it means to be Protestant anymore--or whether it matters. Poor Martin Luther: surely he would be rolling over in his grave if he knew how Protestant-illiterate we have generally become.

I don't want to go back to that time when Roman Catholics and Protestants regarded each other as adversaries. But our Protestantism remains a great tradition to honor and uphold. This coming month at St. Paul we're going to be doing exactly that—both recalling what made the Protestant Reformation so important and the many ways it continues to be so very relevant in our times. See you in church!

--Shalom, Pastor Geoff Drutchas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

As Christian Education prepares to begin a new year and as the young people look to a new school year loaded with extra-curricular activity, I believe the following reprint is justified. In a world full of uncertainty and constant change let us instill within our young people the truth of their unchanging, ever-loving God.

While most churches throughout the nation struggle to find ways to maintain the attendance of their young people, research continues to validate the importance of building a strong foundation of faith in their lives; one that begins at an early age.

Research concludes that faith that is rooted in early childhood and watered consistently throughout the teenage years serves to keep young people from experiencing an “identity crisis” when older.

Sociologist Tim Clydesdale interviewed 125 students as they transitioned from high school to college. He discovered that most college freshmen are overwhelmed by what he called “daily life management.” They struggle to juggle and maintain their school and social networks (friends, romantic partners, authority figures). Rather than dive into figuring out who they are, students store away important fragments of who they were (often including, but not limited to, their religious and spiritual identities) in an “identity lockbox” when they enter college. For those who embrace the lockbox approach, college life is simply a series of disconnected events – without connection to one’s true self and without regard to previous commitments, including faith.

Similarly, studies acknowledged that some students put their faith on hold when they enter college so they can “enjoy college life.” Translated, that means *party*. When asked about shelving their faith, a couple students acknowledged the inconsistency of it all.

There are many pitfalls to a lockbox approach to faith during the adolescent and college years. One, when students put their faith on hold, they are easily pushed by the shifting winds of their peer culture. Secondly, when students set aside their faith for a time, it affects the quality of their integrated thinking. They struggle at best to make true-to-self decisions about their worldviews, romantic partners and career directions if they’ve placed their faith on hold. Lastly, there’s the issue of what happens when students finally bust open those lockboxes and take a serious look at who they are, either some time later in college or perhaps after in their adult years. Many will face deep regret about the decisions they’ve made (Sticky Faith, Powell, Griffin, Crawford).

Research after research speaks to the importance of rearing a child in faith and to the need of doing it consistently. When the acts of faith become as natural to a child and young person as getting dressed each day, it becomes a part of who they are versus a fragment of their identity.

May we work together to give each young person a strong foundation on which to build his/her identity in Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education

Christian Education Plans for Upcoming Events

Sunday School Kicks-off “2016-2017” School Year. On Sunday, September 10th Christian Education led a special Family Rally Sunday program during both, the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Rally Sunday commemorates the beginning of a new Christian Education year and provides some summer reflections. In addition to the special service, a Sunday School Open House was held in-between the two worship services. Parents, grandparents and members of the congregation were invited to visit the Christian Education department and to meet the volunteer teaching staff.

With teachers now installed and the “2017-2018” program in place, the Sunday School staff is prepared and excited to get started. Parents, please make sure to complete the

Sunday School registration form for your child/ren. Forms can be found on the Information Table located across from the Welcome Center Desk.

We look forward to a great year of learning and fun.

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.

Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship



OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1st - Kackleberry Farms Corn Maze, Hayride & Pumpkin Patch

We will depart the church following lunch & a short meeting that will be held after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All participants should plan to bring a sack lunch. After lunch we will carpool (drivers needed) to Kackleberry Farms, located in Monroe. Upon arrival we will find our way through the corn maze, visit the animals, and take a hayride to the pumpkin patch. Families are welcome to join us! Cost: \$13.00 or \$11.00 for a group of twenty or more. Please sign the sheet located on the youth board to confirm your participation by September 24th.

Sunday, October 15th - Christ-Net Warming Shelter Outreach

We will meet in the kitchen at 6:30 p.m. to serve dinner to the Christ-Net Warming Shelter guests. Please sign the sheet located on the youth board to confirm your participation by October 1st

Sunday, October 29th - Trunk or Treat Haunted Hallway

The youth group will be sponsoring the Trunk or Treat Haunted Hallway on Sunday, October 29th. Youth should plan to arrive by 4:00 p.m. Bring some new and creative ideas! Please sign the sheet on the youth board to confirm your participation by October 22nd.

NOVEMBER

Saturday – Sunday, November 4th – 5th – "Am I Happy" The "2017" Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship Fall Retreat

Where are you searching for happiness? With more access to entertainment, education, social networking and material "stuff" than ever before, many young people often feel more confused and empty than before. Over the course of the retreat we will talk about searching for happiness in our relationships, our accomplishments,

appearances and circumstances. We will discuss Jesus' ideal of true happiness versus the world's ideal of happiness.

THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP WILL BE OCTOBER 22nd. A FINAL COUNT WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN AT THAT TIME. A MINIMUM OF 15 WILL BE REQUIRED.

Sunday, November 19th – Lunch & Operation Christmas Child Workday

Youth should plan to meet for lunch in the Westroom following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will then load up all the shoe boxes and deliver them to the distribution center in Dearborn. Please sign the sheet located on the youth board by November 5th to confirm your participation

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION BY SIGNING THE SHEETS LOCATED ON THE YOUTH BOARD. EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF NO ONE SIGNING UP. IF YOU FORGET TO SIGN-UP FEEL FREE TO CALL Pastor Schalm at (734) 255-0935. FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

St. Paul UCC Helps to Rock Out Support for Hurricane Relief.

The Sunday School children decorated rocks with the caption, "Pray for Texas" following the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. However, the paint was not even dry before Hurricane Irma devastated much of the Caribbean and Florida. The children went at it again and made cards and continued to sell rocks for a donation with all proceeds going to benefit hurricane relief efforts. As always, the young people's church family supported them and as a result they collected \$735.00 in donations. All monies will be sent to the United Church of Christ Wider Mission to be used for long-term hurricane relief.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT. LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THE HURRICANES AND WILDFIRES OUT WEST.

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. Please consider joining us as we kick-off the new Sunday School Year.

"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 beginning September 14th

The Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 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 sorts "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!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FAMILY

The October Spotlight shines bright upon the Romas family. Rebecca (mom), Preston (son) and Cindy (grandma) all reside in Taylor, MI. They have three family pets; Atari (dog), Morty (cat) and Monty (cat).

Several of the Romas' favorite activities include: swimming, going to the movies, mini-golf, and trips up-north. Some of their favored family traditions are Sunday brunch, evening movies, kayaking, Thanksgiving and Easter celebrations together with close friends and going to Tiger baseball games. The Romas family enjoys annual trips to Cadillac and occasional trips to Florida. Favored family values include honesty, courtesy, compassion, kindness, charity and love for one another.

Make sure to introduce yourself to this wonderful family!

Be sure to check the list of "**Events You Won't Want to Miss**" for all church events including those events hosted by the Christian Education Ministry.

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Here's Hoping for Rummage Sale Sunshine

Last year the rain kept coming throughout our rummage sale week. This year we're all hoping for sunshine as we get ready to host another fall rummage sale, Thursday through Saturday, September 28-30.

Volunteer help is needed on all three days. Brown Bag Day is Saturday and the sale wraps up at 11 a.m. Clean-up usually starts as the last customers finish their shopping and continues through approximately 1 p.m. Please come help out with one of Taylor's best recycling projects that also raises funds for our church's ministry projects.

'Simple Gifts' Highlights Needs to Support our Church Close Unified Budget Gap

Over the next several weeks you'll be seeing St. Paul Church members sporting yellow "Simple Gifts" buttons. It's all meant as a reminder that our congregation needs some simple gifts in these weeks ahead from all of us to close unified budget shortfall that sometimes crops up for us in the last weeks of summer. This summer's budget gap was about \$10,000—an amount that we need to catch up on to ensure that we can continue the kind of shared ministry of caring and service that we all count on.

In the weeks ahead, you'll see progress reports in the Morning Tide worship bulletin on how well we're closing the budget gap. Please keep our church's needs in your prayer and help do what you can to make sure that our ministry together has the resources budgeted and approved by the congregation to do Christ's work. Every extra contribution helps.

World-Wide Communion Sunday Celebrated

World-Wide Communion Sunday will be celebrated at worship services on October 1. Pew communion will be served at both the 9 and 10:30 a.m. In keeping with custom for the day, congregants will have a choice between four different breads—a reminder of the four points of the compass and the Jesus' "great commission" to share the gospel across the globe. Assisted by the church elders, Pastor Cheryl Schalm will preside at the communion in the absence of Pastor Drutchas who is attending a nephew's wedding that weekend in northern California.

Our St. Paul congregation observes an open communion. Non-members are invited to share in the communion meal, renewing their own commitment to walk more closely with Jesus Christ.

'Whole in Christ' Healing Services To Be Held

Being "Whole in Christ" will be the theme of healing services offered at St. Paul Church on Sunday morning, October 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas will be preaching on Christian spirituality and healing. At the end of the service, worshippers will be invited to come forward to the steps of the chancel for an "anointment of healing" inspired by the healing moments of Jesus' own ministry with waters combined from Lourdes, France and Israel's Jordan River.

During worship services members of the Sews n' Sews Sewing Guild will be presenting for blessing items they have sewn and knitted on behalf of various health ministry.

The healing service has been held annually at our church as part of our congregation's affirmation of the role of faith and spirituality in our personal health and wellness. The service is open to all church members and friends.

Congregational Cantata Remembers Martin Luther's Life

The life of Protestant reformer Martin Luther will be highlighted in a series of true stories about him, interspersed with some of our church's greatest hymns, during Sunday morning services on October 15, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Assisted by several lectors, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Music Director Tracy Hoffman and Pastor Geoff Drutchas will lead the cantata honoring one of Protestantism's greatest leaders. Come prepared to sing!

Our young people will be in the sanctuary at the start of the 10:30 a.m. service before joining their classes upstairs.

New Members Welcomed on Fourth October Sunday

New members will be welcomed to our church on Sunday, October 22 (this is a date change). Those interested in joining the church are encouraged to contact Pastor Geoff Drutchas at the church office (313-291-1221) or to simply complete a "Make-A-Wish" card in the church pews and add it to the Sunday morning offering plate. Pastor Drutchas is available to meet with newcomers and visitors who have any questions about our church and its ministries. Our church website at <stpaulucctaylor.org> also provides a good overview of our church life and ministries.

As part of the new member welcome, new comers receive a white carnation, a membership certificate, and the right hand of fellowship—a ritual that goes back hundreds of years in the rich and faithful history of the Christian churches. Please do your part to make our new members feel truly welcomed into the life of our congregation.

Sewing Guild -- Sew 'n Sews -- Please join us for a little sewing and a lot of fellowship at our next meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch, dessert and coffee is provided. P/S: No sewing skill required!

St. Paul Congregation Prepares for Annual ChristNet Week

Our St. Paul congregation will be providing emergency overnight housing as part of our annual participation in the ChristNet Homeless Shelter during October 15-22. Up to thirty men and women could be staying with us on mattresses spread out over Fellowship Hall. Additionally, our congregation will be offering our ChristNet guests breakfast and supper, as well as a brown bag lunch to go. The guests are expected to arrive at 6:30 every evening and depart at 7:00 a.m. the following morning throughout the week. Fellowship Hall will be divided with separate sleeping areas for men and women with space also set aside for a dining area. The shower stall in the downstairs lavatory, first installed back in the 1950s when our church had powerhouse basketball teams, will be recommissioned for use by our guests.

Both volunteers and supplies are needed to help host ChristNet week. Men and women of the congregation are invited to sign up to serve as hosts for half a night, or assist with Sunday morning clean-up, the Sunday afternoon laundering of linens, and the transport of bedding and supplies to the next host church. Overnight hosts have a choice of early or late shifts, 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. or 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

Donations of breakfast cereals (Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Fruit Loops, Instant Oatmeal packets) are welcome. So are certain travel size personal care and clothing items—namely shaving cream, women's deodorant, chapstick, alcohol-free mouthwash, and men's tee-shirts and boxers (large and extra-large only). Equally helpful, you can also make a financial contribution to our congregation's ChristNet week that will help defray the costs of any remaining items that need to be purchased to meet our guests' needs.

Our ChristNet week is once again being coordinated by a team that includes Kim Martinez, Dee Salsbury, and Pastor Geoff Drutchas. Church members and organizations are invited to volunteer to help prepare meals and host at night. Please look for the ChristNet sign-up table near the kiosk in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour between services. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Martinez through the church office (313-291-1221).

'Grand Inquisitor' Book Discussion All Set

It's a very short book with a big punch. That's the way that Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Grand Inquisitor," a novel within a novel, has been described. And it will be the focus of a Sunday evening book discussion on October 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Regarded as one of Russia's two finest nineteenth century authors, Dostoyevsky wrote "The Grand Inquisitor" as a chapter in his very long novel "The Brothers Karamazov." Yet ever since publication, "The Grand Inquisitor" has been read as a stand-alone work of art. The provocative story-line speculates on what Jesus might have said and done if he had returned to earth in the middle of the Spanish Inquisition of the 1500s only to be confronted by the Grand Inquisitor. The story and its message is as relevant in 2017 as it was when Dostoyevsky first wrote it more than a hundred years ago.

The book discussion will meet in the church parlor. Copies of "The Grand Inquisitor" will be available for pick-up to all interested participants in the church office two weeks in advance. There is no charge for the "book" but donations to the church office are always welcomed. To reserve your copy, contact the church office (313-291-1221) or

complete a Make-A-Wish Card from the church pews and add to the morning offering plate.

Caregivers Meet for Mutual Support and Learning

This coming month the St. Paul Caregivers Group will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. The change from the more usual third Monday meeting time is prompted by our ChristNet host week and the fact that there are five Mondays in the month ahead.

Caregiving tips will be shared by participants who offer mutual support on a confidential basis. Pastor Geoff Drutchas leads the sessions, assisted by Parish Nurse Kathy. This group is open to all St. Paul church members and friends.

Annual Pilgrimage Tour Visits Historic Detroit Religious Sites

Five historic Detroit churches are on the itinerary for this year's annual Pilgrimage Tour set for Wednesday, October 25. Led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas the tour will depart aboard a chartered bus from the St. Paul parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 5 p.m. Tour stops will include visits to three Roman Catholic churches, including St. Francis of Assisi and St. Leo's Church. All of the churches are distinguished by outstanding collections of stained glass windows.

Our tour group will be especially privileged in visiting St. Leo's located on Grand River Avenue. St. Leo's has been recently decommissioned as a Catholic church but is undergoing refurbishment to reopen as a repurposed Gospel Concert Center. Both the interior and exterior architecture are being preserved.

Our tour group will be stopping for lunch at Nemo's Restaurant in Corktown, near the former site of Tiger's Stadium. The modestly-priced restaurant is a Detroit institution and now sits in the middle of the incredible renaissance of the Corktown neighborhood. Nemo's allows individual checks but does not take credit cards. Tour participants should plan accordingly.

The cost of the day's tour is \$25—not including lunch. Half the seats aboard the chartered bus have already been reserved. You are encouraged to sign up for the tour as soon as possible to assure a seat. For more information, contact the church office. (313-291-1221).

Congregation Celebrates Reformation Sunday with a 'Reformation Rocks' Service

The St. Paul congregation will be celebrating Reformation Sunday—the 500th birthday of the Protestant churches—with a "Reformation Rocks" service on October 29, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Geoff Drutchas will recount how the Protestant movement rocked Christendom half a millennia ago and how it continues to rock our world today. The morning service will include a Reformation skit and special music by our chancel choir.

SIXTH GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES ON REFORMATION SUNDAY.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, all sixth grade students will be presented with Good News Bibles during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The presentation of Bibles will be part of a special service commemorating the "500th" birthday of the Protestant church.

Due to receive a Bible this year are Ethan Hard, Kyler Ostrowski, Anthony Staten and Jacob Wright. Please accept my apologies and contact Pastor Schalm if your child's

name has been omitted. Additional information regarding the service will be sent to all sixth graders in mid-October.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF SET FOR OCTOBER 29.

Christian Education will kick-off the Operation Christmas Child shoe box ministry on Sunday, October 29th in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School children and members of the congregation will have the opportunity to take a simple shoe box, decorate it, and fill it with small gifts for children in need. The gift-filled shoe boxes will then be distributed by Samaritan's Purse (a Christian, non-profit organization) to children in need throughout the world. All shoe boxes will be required to be returned by Sunday, November 19th. The shoe boxes will then be delivered to the Dearborn collection center where they will be loaded onto semi-trucks for distribution. For more information on this program please contact Pastor Schalm.

Watch your Morning Tide for more information on this community outreach program.

ChristNet Presents 'Holiday Dazzle & Dreams' Benefit

ChristNet Services will be hosting a "Holiday Dazzle & Dreams" benefit dinner on Friday, November 17. The gala is intended to help raise funds for a very serious and important project—the completion of the ChristNet Services Building on Eureka Road in Taylor. Tickets to the event, which will be held at the Orlando Familia Banquet Center on Sibley Road in Riverview, are now on sale. The evening will feature keynote speaker, Father Bob McCabe, a Metro Detroit homeless advocate. It would also include dinner, dancing, and silent auctions.

Our own church members launched the emergency shelter program twenty-five years ago. Today, more than fifty churches participate in the program which serves men, women, and children in dire need of shelter. ChristNet also maintains a daytime program in rented space at the Church of Nazarene on Eureka Road in Taylor. Currently, ChristNet is rehabbing a building on Eureka Road that will permit them to offer expanded support services to the homeless and help them achieve greater self-reliance and transition into permanent, secure housing. But the rotational night time program hosted by churches will continue even after the move to the new building sometime in 2017.

St. Paul Church members interested in attending the event can call the church office to join our church's table or order tickets directly through coordinators Linda Cleaver (ljcleaver@yahoo.com) and Linda Dickman (lindickman@wowway.com). Tickets are \$50 per person.

The Annual "Advent by Candlelight" Program, sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry, is being held on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 6:45-8:45 PM. This is where one woman hosts a table and asks about 7 other ladies to join her for an advent program, fellowship and dessert. There will be a sign up sheet during coffee hour all through October and November, or you can contact Debbie Case. (debbiescase@aol.com) It is quite easy to be a hostess and I will have envelopes for each hostess with all the information. There will also be a sign up sheet for ladies that do not want to host a table but would like to attend. We will do our best to find a place for every lady that would like to attend. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Nov. 19th. I will need to know total numbers at each table by Nov. 26.** The table arrangement in the hall is based on the order that you sign your group up by. Because I will be out of town a lot in October, you will be better able to sign up by emailing me and then I can email the hostess papers to you.

Annual Scrapbook Crop is Sat. Feb. 3, from 9 AM- 7 PM. The cost is \$40. This includes your cropping space, three meals, as well as snacks and beverages all day. There will be vendors, make and takes, demos, and raffles. Even if you do not want to scrapbook, there will be something for everyone as you shop with our vendors. If you are a vendor, or know of a vendor, and they might be interested, please let me know. We will be needing raffle and door prizes, as well as people to help that day. This is a big fundraiser for BOF and the Christian Education Ministries. Please contact Debbie Case at 734-941-1228 or email debbiescase@aol.com if you want more information.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Shalom – Chronic disease group meeting. We usually meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 1PM. Our next meeting is November 13, at 7 PM. Check the Morning Tide for additional information regarding topics and/or speakers.

Matter of Balance – The next 8 week session class for those having problems with balance or fear of falling is scheduled to begin Monday, October 2, at 12-2 PM. We will meet on Mondays through November 20. The last session was well received. Please make out a make a wish card, contact the office or Kathy Williams if you are interested. You need to register prior to class. Flyers are available in the West Lobby.

Exercise Classes - Exercise is important to our health. Exercise can be done while sitting in a chair or standing. Delessa Hampton is the instructor. We will meet from 2–3 PM, on Mondays & Wednesdays beginning October 2nd. A free will love offering is invited to offset costs (\$3.00 - \$5.00 suggested). We need 10-15 persons to be able to hold the class. All are welcome to participate. The Enhance Fitness (4) Sampler Class held in August was fun and well attended. Delissa continued the exercise three additional times for free. Thank you Delissa. We had 20 people participate with 12-15 persons per session.

Flu shot clinic at church Thursday, October 19, 6-7:30 PM. - Walgreens at the corner of Goddard & Allen will provide a flu clinic at St. Paul on Oct 19 in the West Room. Persons 7 years or older can get their shot from 6-7:30 PM. A parent must accompany all minors. Most insurance now cover the flu shot so bring your insurance card with you. We will have some free vouchers on hand for members. It is unlikely that we will run out of these vouchers. The cost is \$23 for those who don't have insurance or if we run out of free vouchers. This is a great opportunity. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. We need a count of participants by Oct 10. The pharmacist will then give the flu shot to our ChristNet guests right after they have eaten dinner from 7:30 – 9 PM.

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

Red Hot Purple Angels

October 26, Thursday,- Halloween Bunco – 6:30 West Room. Bring \$5. Bunco is easy you don't have to know how to play ahead of time. Wear a costume or Halloween shirt. Potluck dinner, please bring a dish to pass.

November 16, Thursday – Russian Tea Room, [The Royal Eagle], 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, MI 48225 - 313.521.1894. Tea is served at 12 noon. We will carpool from the church at 10:45 . The cost is \$26 per person including the tip. Payment is due Oct 26 to Kathy Williams. Please sign up on the RHPA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet on the RHPA Bulletin Board for the above events. Kathy Williams is the contact. There is more information about the Tea Room & menu on the bulletin board or you can go to their website www.royaleagle.org

December 5, Tuesday– Christmas Party at 6:30 PM at Savannah's in Trenton . Sally is the contact. Sign-up and money due by Nov. 16. Price TBD.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October St. Paul Member and Friends Anniversaries:

Happy Anniversary to the following couples: Betty and Joe Mayfield (64 years), Donald Sr and Darlene Babin (47 years), Luann and James Swain (42 years), Peggy and Roger Staten (41 years), Kevin and Teri Staffeld (35 years), James and Diane Poet (30 years), Phillip and Arlene Felske (25 years), Jack Jr and Jennifer Miller (22 years) and David and Shawn Lange (16 years).

October St. Paul Member and Friends Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends: Shirley Koths, Gloria Lakatos, Harry Clubb, Doreen Thompson, Charles Dickleman, Barbara Sullivan, Suzanne Stern, Lester Dionne, Phillip Felske, Patricia Staffeld, Tracy Spears Jr, Daniel Evison, Arlene Felske, Dorothy Evison, Sharon Leonard, Kathleen Galeski, Sharon Ferguson, Fernando Souto, Richard Yuenger, Brian Busatti, Janet Staffeld, Pamela Badarak, Michael Povlich, Mark Ennis, Tom Smith, Corrine Holden, Janet Parant, Brian Block, Annette Thie, Kevin Kittendorf, Michele Caruso, James Schalm, Lynne Durisin, Frankie Patterson, Jennifer Miller, Christine Schwab, Tracy Bradley, Andrea Holton, Jennifer Ruffner, Christopher Janiga, Robert Wlasuk, Daniel Peters, Laura Povlich, Elizabeth Drutchas, Amanda Kremer, Kari Cappello, Courtney Burk, Alex Pedersen, Tyler Blanchard, Crystal Poet, Klarisa Beyer, Alex King, Elizabeth Johnson, Katherine Childress, Matthew Isaacs, Allison Salo, Nicholas Mink, Kathryn Kincaid and Samuel Kincaid.

October St. Paul Youth Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following youth: Michael Smart, James Bradley, Madelynn Matney, Hayley Dykowski, Madison Dowell, Morgan Dowell, Jacob Kulhanek, Kaylee King, Bradley Patterson, Elisha Ajulu, Reece MacZink, Harrison Warren and Kaden Collins.

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

Ethan Drutchas Approved for Ordination

Seminary graduate and past St. Paul UCC intern Ethan Drutchas has been approved for ordination in the United Church of Christ by an Ecclesiastical Council meeting in Romeo, Michigan on Sunday, September 17. Ethan, who graduated from the Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville and occasionally assists in worship at our church, will now be able to submit an online profile with the UCC and candidate for pastoral positions in Michigan and elsewhere. Ordination is contingent upon a "call" from a congregation.

When serving as a supply preacher for other area churches this fall, Ethan, who preached in August from the St. Paul pulpit, will continue to assist in services.

Cabinet Considers Need for Hospitality Coordinator

At its most recent September meeting the St. Paul Cabinet of organizations discussed the need for a church-wide Hospitality Coordinator to provide leadership for our Sunday Morning coffee hours. A description of the volunteer position has since been proposed and prepared: "The Hospitality Coordinator would be responsible for making sure a team of volunteers are assigned for Sunday morning Fellowship and Coffee Hours. These people could be from one of our St. Paul groups, organizations, ministries; or individual members who may not belong to any of these church groups but who wish to help and share their time and talents. The teams or groups of volunteers recruited or lined up by the Hospitality Coordinator would be responsible for ordering donuts, making coffee and tea, setting up either the West Room or Fellowship Hall, and cleaning up afterwards.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Hospitality Coordinator role, please complete a Make-A-Wish card that can be found in the sanctuary pew or notify the church office (313-291-1221).

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

A UCC SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

Any Sunday in October ... your Neighbors In Need Mission Offering will be received. This year's theme is "Protect The Sacred, Clean Water Is Life".

Who is My Neighbor In Need?

- a) People who live in my community
- b) People with whom I worship
- c) People who live outside of my community
- d) All of the above, and even more

What is Neighbors In Need?

The Neighbors in Need Offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service programs. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice

and Peace Action Network, Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations. These churches and their pastors are supported by the Council for American Indian Ministries.

Neighbors In Need helps make another world possible, it needs your support.

Please pray about how your own generosity can help support this ministry. You may use the offering envelope in this Tidings ... or you will find an envelope in our church pews.

Give as best you can to the Neighbors In Need Mission Offering ... any Sunday in October.

Thank you from the Stewardship Ministry of St. Paul.

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.stpaulucctaylor.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.

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.

Ushers Needed

We are seeking members to assist as Ushers for our Sunday morning worship services. This volunteer activity is extremely important. Friendly and efficient Ushers help St. Paul present a welcoming atmosphere to both Church members and visitors. Written instructions are available and training can be arranged at your request. Anyone

interested in being placed on our Usher Volunteer list may speak with the presiding deacon on Sunday mornings or contact Kristi Caruso by phone call (586-876-4308) or text and she will contact you regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

ORGAN FUND-

In Memory of: *William & Joyce Stears* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Fred & Minnie Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Alfie & Hilda Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Junior & Lorraine Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Allen Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Carl Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Bobbie Block* From: Kathe Stears
In Memory of: *Sally Stears- Waugh* From: Kathe Stears

MEMORIAL FUND-

In Memory of: *Joan Schonfeld* From: Deborah Hansche
In Memory of: *David Walker Sr.* From: Dave & Bev Kulhanek
In Memory of: *Frederick Frank* From: Lois Frank
In Memory of: *Don Pearson* From: Phyllis Pearson
In Memory of: *Shirley Rohr* From: Douglas & Nancy Schultz

HEALTH MINISTRIES FUND-

In Memory of: *Lois Linske-Thayer* From: Cindy Romas
In Memory of: *Hubert Williams* From: Cindy Romas
In Memory of: *Uncle Jack Jones* From: Cindy Romas

TREE OF FAITH LEAF

Correction: In Memory of Jim & Pat Ennis From the Ennis & Nault Families

THE 2017 ALTAR FLOWER CHART Altar flowers are a very special way to honor or memorialize that special someone in your life or even a special occasion (anniversary, birthday, graduation, etc.). The cost for altar flowers is \$30.00 (2 vases) or you may purchase a special side vase for just \$15.00. Please contact the Deacon after the service for assistance in getting your altar flowers or side vase. Please check the flower chart for availability of Sundays or other occasions. Please use envelopes found in the pew racks to request altar flowers. You may also contact the church office at 313-291-1221.

PLEASE LOOK OVER The Market Place Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. There are flyers featuring many upcoming local events. There is also information regarding items for sale/ wanted to buy, services available, and much more. Information is always changing. Also, check out our web-site and Facebook page. Don't forget to 'like' us and 'share' us!

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Thank You to the September Merry Mailers: Arlene Felske, Karen Hill, Toni Hill, Sue Mrowka, and Fred Miller.

A Special Thank You to Julius Enesey, Fred Miller and Dan Case for painting the white trim around our building's exterior doors. They really look great when you walk up to the Church now. St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry

ROSE ON THE PULPIT celebrates the birth of Grace Linnett Tank, born September 7, 2017 to Toni & Joshua Tank. St. Paul Great-Grandparents: Linda & Tom Tank.

CONDOLENCES TO the family and friends of Lois (Linske) Thayer who passed away August 12, 2017 at the age of 84 years. A Memorial Service was held August 17, 2017. Pastor Cheryl Schalm officiated.

CONDOLENCES TO Tom & Kathy Williams and family on the loss of Tom's father, Hubert L. Williams, who passed away August 22, 2017 at the age of 92 years. Memorial service was September 23, 2017 in Madison Heights.

CONDOLENCES TO Arlene and Phill Felske on the loss of Arlene's uncle, Jack Jones, who passed away August 24, 2017 at the age of 87 years. Funeral services was August 25, 2017 in Corning Ohio.

CONDOLENCES TO Gene and Cheryl Kincaid on the loss of Cheryl's brother, Dennis Koschnitzke, who passed August 30, 2017. Memorial service was September 23, 2017. Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas officiated.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN – PRAYER LIST: Prayers are requested for the following church members and friends: Megan Barnosky, Nancy Cady, Phill Felske, Sharon Ferguson, Debbie Hamilton, Ruth Kenosian, David King, Rev. Bill Kren, Velma McGee, Murl Nieman, Cleora Pattenaude, Shirlen Powell, Eleanor Rossi, David Schmoekel, Kevin Staffeld, Tom Williams, and Carol Wioncek. *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: Brenda & Bonnie (friends, Daisy Stedman), Justin Collins (son-in-law of Gerri King), Andrea Gunther (wife, Mark Gunther), Lynn Harbin (sister, John Smith), Tamsey Hoffman (friend, Sue Mrowka), Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm), 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), Cookie Robinson (sister, Bob Robinson), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), Aaron St. Louis, hospice (nephew, Marjie & Charlie Barnard), Nicholas Surre (great- grandson, Helene McEachern), Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), and Victoria Whitcher (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), Cheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), Frank Small (father of Chris Chavez), and Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez),.

CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN NURSING OR REHAB CARE: Mary Dubke (Marywood Nursing Care Center, W Five Mile Rd, Livonia, 48154), 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), 2nd 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, Guam, grand-daughter, 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), David Schafer (grandson, late Muriel & late Harold Schafer), 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).

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

