

# TIDINGS

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**September 2018**

## **Snapshot of Events**

**Communion Sacrament Offered** - September 2nd - 9:30 a.m.

**Handbell and Chancel Choirs Rehearsals begin** - September 5th - 6 & 7:30 p.m.

**Two Morning Services Resume & Rally Sunday** - September 9th - 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Shalom** - September 10th - 1:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Classes begin for 2018/2019** - September 12th - 7-8 p.m.

**Fish & Loaves Pantry Golf Outing** - September 15th - 8:00 a.m.

**Ordination of Ethan Drutchas** - September 16th - 4:00 p.m.

**Caregivers Meeting** - September 17th - 7:30 p.m.

**Confirmation Retreat** - September 21st & 22nd

**Rummage Sale Setup** - September 26th

**Blue Jean Sunday** - September 30th

**Women's Retreat** - October 6th & 7th

**World Wide Communion Sunday** - October 7th - 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Pilgrimage Tour** - October 11th - 8:00 a.m.

**ChristNet Host Week** - October 14th-21st

**Book Discussion** - October 21, 28, November 4 - 7:00 p.m.

**New Member Welcome** - October 28th - 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Trunk or Treat** - October 28th - 5 to 7 p.m.

**Spaghetti Dinner** - November 2nd - 4 to 6:30 p.m.

## **PASTOR'S PEACE**

At the start of this past summer my nephew, Ethan, received a call for ministry from the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. This "call" was the result of a unanimous vote of the Whitinsville congregation which had a chance to meet and come to know Ethan through a series of interviews with a search committee, plus a candidating weekend that engaged the entire congregation. As part of that candidating weekend, Ethan led worship and preached, enabling everyone to give him a look-over and hearing.

Ethan, who has been serving for the past half year as the Acting Minister for the Grinnell United Church of Christ in Grinnell, Iowa, where he attended college at a UCC-related school before studies at the Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, is very excited about the congregation's invitation to minister with them. He looks forward to his October 1st start-up in Whitinsville. It's all the culmination of much work and preparation on Ethan's part and, even more importantly, his openness to God's call and leading.

As part of Ethan's next step forward, our congregation will be hosting his formal ordination to ministry by the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ on Sunday, September 16th. Our church is a very appropriate place for Ethan's ordination. He grew up attending Christmas and Easter services here, as well as joining us for worship and special events on many other occasions. His positive experience at St. Paul led him to seek out the United Church of Christ parish in Grinnell, Iowa while he was attending college there. One thing led to another—all in God's providence. Although there were many other things he could have done, given his talents, Ethan began to feel more and more firmly that he was called to ministry in the United Church of Christ. This strong sense of call was only confirmed by his three and a half years of study at the Vanderbilt Divinity School (which claims one of our own former pastors, Reverend Kauffman as an alumnus), a summer internship with our congregation, and many personal conversations with me. Despite the fact that the number of younger people attending church is at an all-time low and very few young people are entering ministry at all, Ethan decided that he could not *not* accept his call to serve the Lord—and to do so with glad and cheerful spirit.

Ethan's formal schooling has prepared him well intellectually for service in the church ahead. I have not met many prospective ordinands who are better equipped in their grasp of theology and the great history and traditions of our Christian churches. But our congregation, as well as two other UCC churches that he had also served through internships, has prepared him practically and pastorally for ordained leadership and servanthood. Our congregation has had a chance to see him grow in confidence, grace, and faith as he has stepped into our chancel lectern and pulpit. Your encouragement has been really important to him; so has your advice, offered in faithful, friendly, and caring ways. He is going to start out as a better pastor to the Whitinsville congregation because of the opportunities for learning and growing that we together provided him. And our congregation will always have the privilege of saying, "I knew him when...."

In keeping with tradition of our United Church of Christ, dignitaries from our Detroit Metropolitan Association will be officiating at Ethan's ordination service. But

pastor-members of our church—myself, the Reverends John Martin, Norm Kirsch, and Bill Kren will be participating. So will our church president Diane Poet, plus other members of our congregation and both our chancel and children's choirs. Very importantly, you are invited to participate too by your attendance, showing support for Ethan and the wider ministry of the United Church of Christ by your presence.

Hosting an ordination is a great honor for any congregation. Over the past century we have ordained the Reverends Gus Bloom, Anna Souto, and John Martin. Reverend Bill Kren was ordained elsewhere but got the first inklings of his call in the midst of our congregation so we are glad to count him as a native son in Christ as well. Since ordination is something to celebrate, we'll be joining after all the pageantry of the ceremony for a happy reception in both the air-conditioned West Room and Fellowship Hall. As part of our appreciation for the presence of our Children's Choir and other youth who will be participating there will be some very special kids-oriented activities offered that evening.

Congregation, please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16. It promises to be a joyous time for us all.

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

### **Christian Education Editorial**

***Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6***

Rally Day kicks off a new year of teaching and learning in our congregation. It is an essential part of our life and mission. It is a time when we recognize and honor both those who teach and those who learn; all who nurture faith in others. Rally Day provides a unique opportunity to acknowledge the partnership of parents and teachers and other congregational members in affirming a lifestyle that is Christ's style. It is a time for the entire congregation to rally behind God's intention that all Christians-children, youth and adults grow and learn. It is a day for our congregation to celebrate their ministry of Christian Education.

It is easy to get discouraged and tempting at times to throw in the towel in response to our chaotic lives and disorderly world. However, we were created to do all the good we could possibly do within it. Sometimes that is as easy as planting a seed and trusting God with the rest.

As we approach the beginning of a brand new school year let us not forget or neglect the One who has already won the battle for us. Through Jesus Christ, we reign victorious and have been granted eternal life. May we continue to celebrate that victory through worship, service and a strong and committed relationship with Christ.

Hope to see you on Rally Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Christian Education News and Events**

### **Christian Education Extends Their Gratitude to Summer Volunteers.**

On behalf of all the Sunday School children and members of the Christian Education Ministry, I would like to thank all those who gave so freely of their time to teach a summer Sunday School class, to help with Vacation Bible School, to assist with the children's games at the church picnic, and who chaperoned the "2018" summer youth mission trip. Your servant's hearts are deeply and sincerely appreciated. THANK YOU!

### **Family Rally Sunday Service Scheduled for September 9th.**

The kick-off for the "2018-2019" Fall Sunday School program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a youth led service, the young people will be sharing their summer mission trip testimonies and slideshow during this special time. The service will culminate with the installation of the Fall Sunday School teachers and a special family prayer.

Prior to the Worship Service parents, grandparents and church members are invited to the Sunday School Open House which will be held from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs Christian Education department. During this time parents will have the opportunity to complete and/or return registration forms and meet the Sunday School teachers. Please note that all forms can be found on the church's website.

We look forward to seeing you on Rally Sunday and at the Open House and hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer.

### **Christian Education Plans for Upcoming Events on October 28th**

St. Paul's annual **Halloween Trunk or Treat** event will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the circular drive. In addition to trunk or treating a light hot dog dinner will be served. Other activities will include; caramel apple making, youth sponsored haunted hallway and hay-rides. Plan now to decorate your trunk and to join your church family for an evening of fun and fellowship. Trunk decorating sign-up will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Open House.

During the Sunday School hour on the same day, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Christian Education will be kicking off their annual **Operation Christmas Child** campaign. Our goal will be to collect 125 gift-filled shoe boxes for children in need. All gift-filled shoe boxes must be returned by November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Angel Tree and Hat and Glove drive will kick-off in mid-November. Watch your Morning Tide for additional information.

### **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals to begin in November**

Rehearsals will begin in November for the "2018" Christmas Pageant. The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during the single 10:00 a.m. worship service. Following the program a luncheon, visit from Old St. Nick and youth sponsored cookie walk will take place in the Fellowship Hall. All interested actors/actresses should plan to sign-up for the pageant during the Sunday School Open House on September 9<sup>th</sup>. A mandatory rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Children not interested in speaking parts will serve the extremely important role of a pageant choir member.

Anyone interested in helping with the production, rehearsals, props, costumes or luncheon should contact Pastor Schalm.

### **Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship to Resume Full Schedule of Activities.**

The "2018-2018" **Youth Fellowship Kick-Off** will take place on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited and encouraged to join us for lunch and a planning meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Youth should also save the dates of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the **Youth Fall Retreat** to be held at Michindoh Conference Center located in Hillsdale, MI. Canoeing (weather prohibiting), climbing wall, game room, basketball, volleyball, trolley ride and a campfire are but several activities to be included on the weekend's agenda. In addition to the immense amount of activities provided, the youth will also enjoy group games and worship.

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

### **Communion Sacrament Offered During September 2nd Service**

If it's the first Sunday of the month, it must be communion time. That custom still holds as our St. Paul congregation begins a new season this September. A chancel communion will be offered on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 2, at our single worship service, 9:30 a.m. Church members and friends will be invited to step forward to the front of the sanctuary to receive the wafer and cup, symbolizing Christ's body and blood sacrificed for us. Worshippers will be asked to tincture the wafer by dipping it in the communion chalice. The dipped wafer can be consumed immediately afterwards before returning to your pew.

Our St. Paul congregation observes an open communion. Friends and visitors are invited to participate in communion along with members.

### **Chancel and Handbell Choirs Begin Rehearsals on September 5th**

The St. Paul Chancel and Note-a-Bell Handbell Choirs will be finishing their summer hiatus and resuming their weekly rehearsals in September. The first rehearsals will be on September 5, the Wednesday evening after the Labor Day weekend. Our choir groups will thereafter continue with Wednesday night rehearsals. Starting times are 6 p.m. for the handbell choir and 7:15 p.m. for the Chancel Choir. Both rehearsals will be led by Music Director Tracy Hoffman.

Both choirs always welcome newcomers to their ranks. No auditions are required. You are invited to attend a rehearsal to experience first-hand the fellowship that choir members enjoy. For more information contact Director Tracy Hoffman through the church office (313-291-1221).

### **Double Sunday Morning Service Schedule Resumes on September 9**

It's back to school for kids and back to a double service schedule for all of us at St. Paul Church beginning the second Sunday of the month, September 9. Worship services will be held at 9 and 10:30 p.m. with nursery care provided at both services and church school for all other youth upstairs during the second service.

A fellowship period will be hosted in Fellowship Hall every week after the 9:30 a.m. service. Due to rummage sale set-up on September 30th and the Christmas Pageant on December 16th there will not be any fellowship period between services those days.

If you have questions about worship services times, contact the church office (313-291-1221). Our voice mail message will keep current with correct service times.

### **Red Hot Purple Angels Outing September 15th**

On September 15 at 8 PM, we will see the The Magic of Motown featuring some of the biggest and most successful acts in Motown history! The show will feature The Contours ("Do You Love Me," "First I Look At The Purse," "Shake Sherry Shake"), The Original Vandellas ("Heat Wave," "Dancing in The Street," "Jimmy Mack," "Nowhere to Run"), The Marvelettes ("Don't Mess with Bill," "Please Mr. Postman," "Beachwood 4-5789"), Jr. Walkers All Star Band ("Shotgun"), and The Shades of Blue ("Oh How Happy") at Dearborn Performing Arts. Tickets are \$45. **Money is due to Ida Black by August 26.** Please sign up on the RHPA bulletin board ASAP. If you want to carpool from church, please contact Ida, we will meet at 7 PM.

### **Ordination Service Set for September 16th with Reception Following**

The St. Paul UCC congregation will be hosting an ordination service for Ethan Drutchas on Sunday, September 16, 4 p.m. Officiating at the service will be dignitaries from the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ. For the last five years Ethan has been a seminarian "under care" of our congregation as he prepared for ministry. He has been recently serving as an Acting Ministry for a UCC congregation in Grinnell, Iowa. On June 10, he received a "call" from the Village Congregational Church (UCC) in Whitinsville, Massachusetts to serve as their full-time minister. His ordination service at St. Paul Church will ready him for installation as pastor for his new congregation. The historic Village Congregational Church is located in an old textile mill town within an hour's drive of both Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, and not far from Worcester, Massachusetts.

Council president Diane Poet will represent our congregation in the sanctuary service with participation of many other church members as well, including our Chancel and Children's Choirs.

### **Reception Honors Both Ordinand and Thirty-Year Ministry of Senior Pastor**

September 16th will not only be a time of celebration for the ordination of a new minister for the United Church of Christ but also Senior Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas who is marking a thirty-year anniversary of ministry at our church. Following the ordination service in the sanctuary, there will be a "strolling" reception in honor of both pastors in the West Room and Fellowship Hall. Both finger foods and a wide range of deserts will be served. Adding to the festivities that evening and making it all family friendly, there will be kids activities—especially important remembering Jesus' admonition to "let the children come" and the participation of our Children's Choir in the service that afternoon.

Volunteer help is needed in hosting the after-service reception, which will also be drawing guests and visitors to our church. Contributions of baked goods are invited and welcomed. Please fill out a Make-A-Wish card from the sanctuary pews or contact the church office (313-291-1221) to volunteer to help host or provide baked goods.

### **Caregivers Meet for Mutual Support and Learning September 17th**

The St. Paul Caregivers Group will be once again be meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The first gathering is scheduled for September 17. 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 Williams. The group is open to all St. Paul church members and friends.

### **Confirmation Class Takes Retreat to Amish Country September 21 & 22**

As confirmation classes get underway this fall, our confirmands will be enjoying a kick-off retreat to Amish country in Shipshewana, Indiana. The overnight outing is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. The retreat provides a chance for confirmands to get to know each other as we take a first-hand look at a religious culture somewhat different than our own that as a matter of Christian faith has chosen to hold itself separate from "the world." In years past, it has been an eye-opener for our own young people, helping them to reflect on what it means for them as Christians to be in the world. Pastor Geoff Drutchas leads the retreat along with parent chaperones.

Actual confirmation classes will begin one week earlier as parents and confirmands meet for an orientation and ice cream social on Wednesday, September 12, 7-8 p.m. For the months that follow all the way to next Easter, our confirmands will be meeting on both Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The class sessions, led by Doreen Thompson and Pastor Geoff Drutchas, are intended to equip our youth with a fuller, practical understanding of their Christian faith, enabling them after two years of study to make an informed personal decision for Christ as the day of confirmation approaches on Palm Sunday. At the end of the two years, almost all of our confirmands look back on their experience as one of the best things that has ever happened for them.

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.

### **"Reducing the Risk" Training Class Scheduled - September 23**

St. Paul Child Protection Policy requires that all adults and youth over the age of 18, who work with children more than 10 hours a year, complete the "Reducing the Risk" Training Class and fill out a work application which includes a formal Criminal Background Check, every two years. During the class people learn the specifics of the St. Paul Policy regarding working with children and tips and information on how to handle situations as they arise. This year's make-up class has been scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00 - 10:00 am, the class will take place in the Church Parlor. If you have questions regarding your need to attend this mandatory training please contact Cheryl Schalm or Dan Case.

### **Rummage Sale Donations Sought—Volunteers Needed for Set-Up, Sale, and Clean-Up**

The annual St. Paul Fall Rummage Sale will be held Thursday through Saturday, October 4-6. Rummage donations will be welcomed starting on the Tuesday after Labor Day and can be deposited at the rear of Fellowship Hall, which will be curtained off to

provide a holding space with tables for items that will need to be sorted, distributed, and priced. It is important that all donated clothing, household goods, and equipment be clean and in a good state of repair.

Actual rummage sale set-up will begin Wednesday, September 26, with 'Blue Jean Sunday' on September 30. Church members are encouraged to come to church that morning dressed in work clothes, ready to pitch in to help sort and assemble items for sale.

The Fellowship Hall will be closed for all other activities until the rummage sale finishes. Help is needed to organize and host the rummage sale through the last week of September and the first week of October. To volunteer, please contact the church office (313-291-1221). All proceeds from the rummage sale support church-related projects.

### **Last Chance to Join 'Kindness' Fall Retreat October 6th & 7th**

There's still a place for you at the upcoming St. Paul Women's Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7. Led by the spirited team of April Clark, Michelle McNeely, and Eileen Vernor Drutchas, this fall's theme is "Kindness" —a virtue that all Christians need to better cultivate. The retreat provides a wonderful opportunity for women of faith to share time together and reflect on how we can act on God's call to kindness amid all the stresses of everyday life.

The Michindoh Conference Center outside of Hillsdale, Michigan provides a scenic retreat setting, as well as comfortable indoor facilities for the special time that will be shared. Count on lots of indoor and outdoor activities, and shared laughter as well.

Owned and maintained by Spring Arbor University, Michindoh draws church groups from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio to its beautiful 250 acre grounds, which includes a 27 acre lake surrounded by trails. The conference center offers hotel-style rooms for two to four persons with private baths and linen service in a completely smoke-free facility.

Participants will be car pooling and caravanning from the St. Paul parking lot on Saturday at 7 a.m. The retreat begins at 10 a.m.

The cost of the two-day retreat is \$97, which includes three meals and one night of lodging. A \$20 non-refundable deposit will assure your place at the weekend retreat with balance due by Wednesday, September 12. Deposits will continue to be received until the available spaces fill up. Our retreat facilities can accommodate up to thirty women. In the event that you cannot attend the retreat after paying for the full reservation amount, your payment in excess of the \$20 deposit will be returned to you in full if someone is interested in taking your place.

Your retreat deposit, accompanied by a completed reservation form, should be returned to Retreat Registrar Marjie Barnard at your earlier convenience. To obtain a retreat reservation form or for more information, contact her at the church office (313-291-1221)

### **World-Wide Communion Sunday Observed on October 7th**

Christians world-wide will be celebrating their shared faith with the sacrament of holy communion on the first Sunday of October and our own congregation will be part of the faith celebration. A pew communion will be served on October 7 with four different breads offered, each representing a different point of the compass. Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas will take the occasion to talk about the challenge of being faithful to Christ in a

world truly globalized, based on Jesus' Great Commission to his followers to make disciples of all nations.

### **Annual Pilgrimage Tour Planned this year is October 11th**

This year's Pilgrimage Tour of historic churches will be held on Thursday, October 11. Reflecting diverse traditions and architecture, four historic Catholic and Protestant churches will be on our itinerary for the day. Cost of the Pilgrimage Tour is \$30 per person, not including lunch.

Pastor Geoff Drutchas will lead this Pilgrimage Tour with docents meeting us at most of the locations to provide historical background and information about the current ministries of each church visited. The tour is open to your family and friends—invite them along. It's a great way to experience what St. Paul Fellowship is all about. However, please sign up early as our chartered bus usually fills up quickly.

To make your paid reservation, send your check to the church office or, alternatively, drop it into the Sunday morning offering plate. Please specify our "annual pilgrimage tour" on the memo line. Our comfortable chartered bus with lavatory will depart from the St. Paul Church parking lot at 8 a.m. and return no later than 6 p.m.

### **Congregation Hosts ChristNet Week for Homeless October 14-21 – Host Volunteers Needed**

The weather is still hot. But with fall's arrival the temperature will begin to plunge, leaving homeless men and women out in the cold unless we help. To meet the need, the ChristNet shelter, founded in our own church rooms, will open its doors for another season of emergency shelter. Our church is the first host site on the new season's schedule, extending a nightly welcome to up to 30 men, women, and children for the week of October 14-21.

All guests will be accommodated overnight in our Fellowship Hall with mattresses and blankets that are transported week to week between host churches. Volunteers are needed to help host throughout the week. As in past years, our church organizations are invited to provide hot suppers. If you are interested in serving as volunteer, please contact our church office (313-291-1221).

### **'When God Interrupts' A Sunday Evening Book Discussion Series Begins October 21st**

How do you deal with a change in plans when you receive a difficult medical diagnosis, don't get the job you want, or things don't quite turn out as you'd expected with parenting or a relationship that held great promise? That's the topic of a Fall book discussion series at St. Paul Church on Sunday evenings, October 21 and 28 and November 4, starting at 7 p.m. Pastor Geoff Drutchas will lead the discussion of a thoughtful book by M. Craig Barnes, *When God Interrupts: Finding New Life Through Unwanted Change*. Barnes, a Christian pastor, invites us to look for God's hand and guidance amid life changes—a choice we can all make that can help redeem even the worst situation and give us new insight and outlook on our present and future. Our book discussion will include a 'workshop' session on tapping our own faith to embracing change positively and constructively.

Our three sessions will meet in the church parlor. Copies of the books may be reserved through the church office (313-291-1221). For more information about the fall series, please speak with Pastor Drutchas.

### **New Members Welcomed on Sunday October 28th**

New members will be welcomed to our church on Sunday, October 28—Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the Protestant churches. 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 members will 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.

### **Second Annual Pasta Supper Planned for November 2**

A second annual pasta supper will be held at St. Paul UCC on Friday, November 2 from 4 until 6:30 p.m.. Open to the public, as well as our own congregation, the supper will offer the choice of either Marinara or Alfredo sauce to diners. Along with pasta, there will be salad, bread, dessert, and beverages.

The pasta supper was a hit last year and is back by popular demand. St. Paul Council vice president Pam Lange is organizing this year's supper. Tickets will be available at the end of September at the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### **Exercise Classes Begin Again August 27**

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

### **Shalom to Meet on September 10th**

Chronic disease group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1PM. Our next meeting is September 10 at 1 PM. Check the MorningTide for additional information regarding topics and/or speakers.

### **TOPS, - (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets Weekly**

TOPS is a nonprofit and noncommercial weight loss support group St Paul is hosting the TOPS Chapter 9744, Taylor. TOPS provides the support, encouragement, and educational opportunities needed to make healthy, permanent lifestyle changes. TOPS also provides motivational rallies, workshops, and retreats. Meetings are held on Monday

nights with weigh in starting at 6:00 p.m. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and end at approximately 7:15 p.m., in the West Room. Chapter dues are \$5.00 per month. Membership is open to all women, men, teens and children 18 years old down to 7 years old, with parent permission. The first visit is free with no obligation to join. Bring a friend! If you decide to join, a TOPS member will help you fill out a simple application form. Dues are \$32.00 a year to the national chapter and \$5.00 a month to the local chapter.

### **Health/Medical Supplies Available**

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

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Reads Gospel of John—Newcomers Invited**

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be resuming its weekly gatherings on Tuesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Open to all St. Paul Church members and friends, the ongoing study group will be beginning the Gospel of John, the fourth book of the New Testament.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study follows a directed but open discussion format with opportunities to ask questions and to share mutual insights about the scriptures being read. Although participants may bring a bible from home, copies of the Serendipity Bible for Groups are provided for weekly use. Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas leads the weekly study and discussion sessions. For more information, contact Pastor Drutchas (313-291-1221).

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

The Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry will be hosting its tenth annual 'Par for the Course' Golf Outing on Saturday, September 15, 2018. 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 501 C(3) non-profit Fish & Loaves Pantry, which annually distributes 1.5 million pounds of free food to Downriver families in seven communities 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.flcfp.org](http://www.flcfp.org).

### **ChristNet 'Harvest for the Homeless' Dinner Tickets Available**

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 day time 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 to 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 2019.

To raise additional funds for the rehabbing of the ChristNet Services building, the third annual "Harvest for the Homeless" dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3 at the Orlando Familia Banquet Center next to the Riverview Highlands Golf Course on Sibley Road. St. Paul Church members interested in attending the event can call the church office to join our church's table or order tickets directly at ChristNetTickets@yahoo.com.

**Morning Tide News Items** are due in the church office by Wednesday afternoon to allow adequate time to proof them. Articles received later than Wednesday cannot be guaranteed publication. If you have questions, please contact Cindy in the Church Office.

### **MAKE-A-WISH Cards**

Have a suggestion or just want to make a comment about something that concerns you, then please utilize the green Make-A-Wish cards located in each pew. Just fill the card out and drop it in the collection plate during the Sunday Worship. Although a signature is not required it helps for us to provide you with appropriate feedback in a timely manner. The cards are given to the Communication Ministry each Monday for review and appropriate action is taken. Our goal is to respond to the cards within one week and provide feedback to the author. St. Paul Communication Ministry

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

### **Lectors and Ushers Needed for Sunday Morning Services**

Scripture readers and ushers are needed to read during Sunday morning services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. No previous experience in 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 and ushers 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.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

### **CE Growth Fund**

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Glen & Kay Koths

### **Facility Improvement Fund**

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Dan & Deb Case, Thelma Poet

### **Memorial Fund**

In Memory of: *Mary Ellen Prill* From: Barbara Siemers, Pearl Kamin, Stephen & Deborah Wilkerson, Sharon Bruck

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Harold, Joan, & Denise Foley, Anthony & Lori McAdam, Irene Stoner, Norma Gottschalk, Eugene & Joan Homeister, Dorcas Society, Willard & Gordon Schafer

In Honor of: *Thelma Poet's 90th Birthday* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld

### **Kitchen Fund**

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld, Larry & Loretta Kurtzel

### **BOF Fund**

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Barbara Brewer, Richard & Beverly Parks, Bob & Shirley Robinson

### **Generational Endowment Fund**

In Memory of: *Bev Traver* From: Miles & Irene Church

In Memory of: *Barbara Sullivan* From: Women's Fellowship

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Miles & Irene Church, Velma McGee

### **Dorcas Society**

In Memory of Vernagene Schafer - Mrowka/Steinhauer families

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Thank You to the July/August Merry Mailers:** Marjie Barnard, Sandra Rose, and Barbara Schultz.

**BAPTIZED UNTO THE LORD** Jack Edward Cappello, born to Jeremy & Kari Cappello February 8, 2018 and baptized Sunday, July 22, 2018. Grandparents: Mark & Sandy Ennis, John Cappello.

**LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the Saadah, Carter, and Traver Family & friends on the loss of Beverly Traver who passed away July 15, 2018 at the age of 90 years. Memorial service was August 13, 2018. Rev. William Kren & Pastor Cheryl Schalm officiated. **To the** Parrish Family & friends on the loss of Helen Parrish who passed away August 9, 2018 at the age of 94 years. Funeral was August 14, 2018. Pastor Cheryl Schalm officiated. Arrangements by Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel.

**Special Thank You** to the many members and friends who helped to make the 2018 St. Paul Picnic such a huge success. There were 22 baskets donated for the basket raffle and \$505.00 was raised in ticket sales. \$300.00 was raised for the 50/50 Raffle with the winnings being donated back to the Picnic Fund by the generous winner. Thank you to all who donated the lovely baskets and bought tickets. The St. Paul Cabinet.

**A SINCERE 'THANK YOU' TO THE HOWE-PETERSON FUNERAL HOMES** for providing the large tent and chairs used for our Picnic Sunday worship service and activities on Picnic Sunday, July 29, 2018.

**A big Thank You** to the many people who helped with the 2018 Steak Fry. St. Paul Men's Fellowship

**Special Thank You** to the many people who helped with the Annual Kitchen Cleaning. St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry

## **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR**

**Members & Friends:** Gene Edwards, Phill Felske, Hayden Forsyth, Oren Forsyth, Shirley Gratrix, Bob Harry, Doris Hilliker (Beaumont, Southshore), Mark Kenosian, Ruth Kenosian, John King, Bill McGahey, Jason Miller, Murl Nieman, Bob Robinson, Eleanor Rossi, Blake Schalm, Glen Sigman, and Sue Spears.

**Extended Family:** Lilliana Brewer (great-granddaughter, Barb Brewer), Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin (daughter, Shirley Havenstein), Mary Faremont (sister, Richard Wagner), Dianne Fazzio (sister, Pam Lange), Allison Files (granddaughter, John & Barb Smith), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Robert Grigg (friend, Schalm family), Kevin Johnson (grandson, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Scott Miller (son, Fred Miller), Jeff Natzke (nephew Michael Natzke), Helen Osborne (sister, Esther Perry), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Richard Sherman (brother, Anne Blanchard), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), David Staten (brother-in-law, Peggy Staten), Nicholas Surre great-grandson, Helene McEachern, Victoria Whitcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart), and Brad Zabik.

**Congregations' Parents:** Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), Bruce Gaither (father, Rebecca Warren), Carol Kuhn (mother-in-law of Lori Kuhn), Laura O'Neil (mother, Shawn Block), Sheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), and Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez).

### **Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:**

Mary Dubke - *Amy's Place*, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167;

Lisa Wild - *Anestic Care Residence*, 21071 Tiffany Dr., Woodhaven, 48183;

Ilene Krogman Rm 124- *Applewood Nursing Center*, 18500 Van Horn Rd, Woodhaven, 48183;

John Montgomery - Hospice - Glacier Hills, 1200 Earhart Rd., Ann Arbor, 48105;

Eleanor Rossi - *Maple Heights*, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, MI 48101);

Melva Haglund, Betty Steinhauer, Grace Trango -*Rivergate Health Center*, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193;

Kevin Staffeld - *Tender Care Health & Rehab Center*, 22950 Northline Rd., Taylor 48180;

Melissa Rossi -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125.

Bert Thompson - *Regency Healthcare Centre*, 12575 Telegraph Rd, Taylor, 48180.

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