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St. Paul United Church of Christ

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Senior Pastor - Rev. Dr. Geoffrey G. Drutchas

Minister of Christian Education - Pastor Cheryl Schalm

**February 2019**

## **Snapshot of Events**

**Scrapbook Crop** - February 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Wild game Dinner** - February 7 - Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Christian Concert at Eastern Michigan University** - February 17 - 11:00 a.m.

**Caregivers** - February 18 - 7:30 p.m.

**ARC Dance** - February 22nd - 6:00 p.m.

**Youth 30 Hour Famine Begins** - February 22nd

**Outing to the DIA** - February 24 - 1-3 p.m.

## **A Look ahead to March**

**Ash Wednesday Service** - March 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Lenten Services & Bible Study Begins** - March 13 - 7:00 p.m.

**Fish Dinners (Sit down/Carry out)**- March 15, 29 & April 12 - 4:00 p.m.

**Fish Dinners (Drive through only)** - March 22 & April 5 - 4:00 p.m.

## **PASTOR'S PEACE**

At our annual congregational meeting this past month, all members present voted to authorize the St. Paul Church Council to open and facilitate a congregation-wide dialogue over the next six months regarding possible changes to our Sunday morning worship schedule. On the basis of the approved resolution, our Church Council will get to work in the coming weeks, reporting back to the congregation with a clear recommendation at the semi-annual meeting in mid-July.

The resolution to launch a dialogue and conversation on our church's worship schedule was prompted by a desire to be the best stewards we can be of our church's resources; a realistic awareness that church attendance patterns are changing, impacted by both work schedules and mobility factors for our members; the greater energy and enthusiasm felt amid a fuller house of worship; and some of the logistical challenges of staffing for double services with volunteer ushers and lectors.

Although one possibility to be considered is a move to a single service on Sunday mornings throughout the year, rather than simply during the summer months or in the few weeks after Christmas leading up to our annual meeting, it's not the only option. As made clear by First Vice-President Cheryl Kincaid during our annual meeting, the conversation ahead will be wider and more encompassing than that. Other possibilities to be evaluated include: (a) maintaining our current double worship service schedule just as it is, strengthening and enhancing each service as best we can; (b) offering a second Sunday morning service that is very different and more alternative so that our two services aren't exact duplicates of each other, perhaps appealing to those not already attending worship; or (c) offering a second service on another day, such as Thursday or Saturday evening as some other churches are already doing. Any final recommendation from the Council will need to include proposed service times.

The St. Paul Church Council will be taking a look at the best way to launch and develop a congregation-wide dialogue on worship service scheduling at its own annual day-long retreat on Saturday, February 9. Council members are very conscious that July's semi-annual meeting is going to arrive sooner than we can imagine, particularly given all the other activities and programs that are going to be happening at our church between now and then. But the Council already has some good ideas in mind as to how it can best proceed to ensure a dialogue process that is truly informed and inclusive. A healthy dialogue process can be fostered through small focus groups (7-12 people), larger forum meetings on a Sunday afternoon or weekend open to anyone interested, and congregational polls and surveys, conducted on Sunday mornings or even online. Online surveys are both popular and convenient.

Our St. Paul Church Council will be alerting the congregation on all dialogue plans so that everyone knows what's upcoming. It's important that our whole process be as a transparent and inviting as possible for the best result. Our congregation very successfully underwent a similar dialogue process when we were selecting a new hymnal for worship use with very happy results. I am personally confident that it is a success that we can repeat.

In everything I undertake, I always look for the way that God is trying to bless me. Our dialogue about our worship services can be an occasion for God to bless us all if we are open to his leading in what we are doing. I hope that each of us will bring our best to the conversations ahead, as we plan and make decisions about our future together as

the worshipping body of Christ. In the weeks ahead, please feel free to approach Council members and me with whatever ideas and concerns that you may have. And please say "yes" to the invitations you receive to participate and contribute to our congregation's dialogue. Together, in God's grace, the choices we make can enhance and add to our church's ministry in ways that we can't even imagine now. See you in church!

~ ***Shalom, Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas***

### **Christian Education Editorial**

While I may not be gifted musically, I can certainly appreciate and admire those that are. I am extremely grateful for the blessings received as a result of those who share their gifts vocally and instrumentally or directing and composing. The following analogy as it relates to music and Matthew 14:13, "*He withdrew...to a solitary place,*" reminds us of how God at times calls us aside from our busy life to speak to us, to grant us rest and to groom us for our next note.

"There is no music during a musical rest, but the rest is part of the making of the music. In the melody of our life, the music is separated here and there by rests. During those rests, we foolishly believe we have come to the end of the song. God sends us times of forced leisure by allowing sickness, disappointed plans, and frustrated efforts. He brings a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent. We grieve that our part is missing in the music that continually rises to the ear of our Creator. Yet how does a musician read the rest? He counts the break with unwavering precision and plays his next note with confidence, as if no pause were ever there.

God does not write the music of our lives without a plan. Our part is to learn the tune and not be discouraged during the rests. They are not to be slurred over or omitted, nor used to destroy the melody or to change the key. If we will only look up, God Himself will count the time for us. With our eyes on Him, our next note will be full and clear. If we sorrowfully say to ourselves, "There is no music in a rest," let us not forget that the rest is part of the making of the music. The process is often slow and painful in this life, yet how patiently God works to teach us! And how long He waits for us to learn the lesson!" ~ John Ruskin

May we find peace and comfort in every rest, trusting God to bless us and others as a result of them.

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

## **Christian Education News and Events**

### **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.

### **Youth Fellowship Continues to take Super Sub Orders through February 1st**

The youth will be taking orders for sub sandwiches, soup and cookies through February 1st. All orders will be filled and ready for pick up between and after services on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd.

Twelve inch subs can be ordered for \$9.00, homemade chicken and/or broccoli soup for \$4.00 and ½ dozen homemade cookies for \$3.00. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Fellowship local summer mission trip.

### **Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship to Host ARC Dinner Dance in February**

On Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> the youth will once again be hosting a Valentine's Dinner Dance for the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens). The youth became involved with the ARC as a result of a community outreach program with the Downriver Special Olympics for which the members of the ARC are involved.

The youth will be in need of donated desserts and door prize items to help off-set the cost of this outreach. If you are interested in making a donation or in helping with this event please contact Pastor Schalm.

All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Pastor Schalm to confirm your attendance.

### **Christian Education Seeks Baked Goods for Annual Fish Dinner Bake Sales**

The "2019" sit-down, Lenten fish dinners will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. As is tradition, Christian Education will be hosting bake sales at all three dinners. The proceeds from the sales will benefit Christian Education programs and events. Baked goods will be needed for each sale. We thank you in advance for your consideration to bake and support these efforts. All items: cookies, cakes, breads, candies, pies, cupcakes, etc. are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the church office the day prior or on the day of the dinner.

### **Sunday School Outreach Programs**

On various Sundays the Sunday school children will have the opportunity to make and decorate Valentine Cards for our troops serving abroad and for those residing at Applewood Skilled Nursing Home in Trenton.

Additionally, Sunday School children will have the opportunity to support Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship's efforts to raise awareness and resources for those in need. Members of youth fellowship will once again be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine on February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. In support of their efforts, a food collection pantry will be set-up in the Christian Education department with a challenge to the Sunday School

children to fill its shelves with non-perishable food items. In addition, each class will have a jar to fill with loose coins. All food will be donated to the Fish and Loaves food pantry and all monies collected will be added to the total sum raised and sent to support World Vision's mission to combat world hunger. The class that collects the most coins and food will be treated to a class party on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sunday School children and their families should also mark their planners for Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and Party will be held during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday School hour. Donations of Easter candy, juice and treats are needed. Please contact Sheri Herkimer or Pastor Schalm if you would like to make a donation or assist with the party.

### **St. Paul Youth to go Without so Others May Have**

The young people of St. Paul will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of starving children around the world. The "30 Hour Famine" youth lock-in will be held the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> participants will gather to host the annual ARC Valentine Dinner Dance. After dining and dancing with their guest they will participate in some friendly competition. Through team games participants will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of poverty and world hunger. A youth candle worship service will be held at 11:00 p.m. prior to the start of the 30 hour fast that will begin at midnight.

On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> the youth will then head to Meijer for their annual shopping spree challenge. Upon return to St. Paul the young people will return home to finish their 30 hour fast. Then on Sunday morning, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the young people will break their fast as they join together at Pete's Place for breakfast.

The young people are in need of your help! They are in need of prayers and pledges. In addition, they will be collecting cans and bottles. All monies raised will be sent to World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide.

**Anyone interested in sponsoring a youth or making a donation should see a youth at the Kiosk during coffee hour. Anyone interested in helping with this event should see Pastor Schalm.**

### **Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship February Happenings.**

**Planning Meeting & Sub Making:** Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>@ 8:30 a.m.  
Youth should plan now to meet in the Westroom for donuts & a short meeting. Afterwards we will be filling sub sandwich orders.

**Winter Jam Christian Music Concert:** Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be departing St. Paul UCC following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will stop for lunch prior to heading to the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center for the concert. The concert will feature many Christian artists to include: The Newsboys, Mandisa, Danny Gokey, Ledger, Newsong and others. Ticket price is \$15.00 plus lunch.

**30 Hour Famine: February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> :** Youth should plan now for this outreach and youth lock-in. In addition to the lock-in we will be hosting a dinner dance for the ARC

(Special Olympic, Association of Retarded Citizens.) Refer to your "30 Hour Famine" agenda for more information.

**ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) Dinner Dance: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Youth should plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to set-up and greet guest.

**March Fish Dinners, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> / 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Youth should plan on assisting with this all-church fundraiser.

**Upcoming March Events: Knockerball & Youth Movie & Lock-In**

**MISSION TRIP – June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Young Adult Ministry**

### **Young Adult Worship Wednesday Bible Study Continues**

The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Schalm's. All post-High School young adults are welcome and encouraged to join. We are working our way through the Gospels. Plan to join the group for study, discussion, laughter, food and fellowship.

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

### **Scrapbook Crop - February 2**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Scrapbook Crop on Sat. Feb. 2, 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](mailto:debbiescase@aol.com) if you want more information.

### **Tickets still available - St. Paul Twelfth Annual Wild Game Dinner - February 7**

The St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Game Dinner on Thursday, February 7, 2019. It's a fun filled evening with raffles, good eating and great fellowship. The doors open on the night of the event at 5:30 pm, hors d'oeuvres are served at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvre items for the night will include wild chicken chili, turtle soup, salmon dip, sausage, cheese and crackers and fresh fruit. Entree items will include venison meatballs, Mexican venison lasagna, buffalo-carved, buffalo stir fry, BBQ wild boar, wild boar sausage w/green pepper and onions, along with potatoes and gravy and of course dessert. Tickets are \$30/each and can be purchased at the KIOSK table during Coffee Hour, or by calling the Church office at 313-291-1221 or by calling James Poet, Gary Staffeld, John Smith, Candace Poet or Dan Case. Get your tickets early this event is always a sell out. We are also looking for

donations of wild game food and any items that can be used for the raffles or door prizes.

### **Caregivers' Group Meets in February**

The St. Paul Caregivers group will be meeting in the parlor on Monday evening, February 18. Led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas and parish nurse Kathy Williams, R.N., the group provides mutual support and encouragement for those who are providing care to family members and friends who are dealing with chronic illness or have 24/7 nursing needs. The group is open to all church members and friends.

The Caregivers gathering is also helpful in identifying resources that may assist in home care or nursing home needs. The group gathers at 7:30 and finishes no later than 9 p.m. Please use the West Lobby entrance when you arrive.

### **Outing to Detroit Institute of Arts Set for February**

Our St. Paul Confirmands will be venturing to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) on Sunday, February 24th, for a tour of the museum's collection of Christian-themed paintings and sculpture from the Renaissance to the 19th century. Pastor Geoff Drutchas will be leading the tour from 1-3 p.m. that afternoon. However, the tour is a part of our confirmation class schedule, church members of all ages are invited to participate.

Our group will be gather in the West Room immediately after our second Sunday service for a brown bag lunch and then depart by car caravan downtown to the DIA. Parents are invited to help chaperone this event. For more information, please contact the church office (313-291-1221).

### **'Gates of Prayer' Lenten Bible Study Planned**

The Lenten season may be a month away but plans are already underway for a new Lenten Bible Study Series, led by Pastors Geoff Drutchas and Cheryl Schalm, as well as lay members of our congregation. This year's Lenten Bible Study, "Gates of Prayer," will consider great moments of prayer in scripture and what we can learn from them. Also included in the study series will be a look at Martin Luther's advice on prayer, using both the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. The series will include instruction on praying and will invite participants to share their experiences with answered prayers.

The five week series, which will begin the week following Ash Wednesday, will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m., immediately after mid-week worship services in our church chancel, on March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3 and 10. Please mark your calendars now with new dates. To sign up for the free series, please make use of the RSVP form that will appear each week in the *Morning Tide* bulletin or contact the church office (313-291-1221).

### **Red Hot Purple Angels Event for February**

Look in your *Morning Tide* for the February event. Our planning meeting was not held until January 24th.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### **Exercise Classes Continue**

Exercise is important to our health. Classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 PM in the West Room. 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.

### **Meditation Classes Continue**

Are you stressed? Do you want to focus more on the being in the present? We will be having four sessions learning and practicing breathing and meditation. We will meet on Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 PM on February 6 and 13. Kathy Williams will lead the session.

### **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. 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. There is no cost for the first meeting attended. Contact Kathy Williams for more information.

### **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**

### **New Council Members Elected and Installed**

At the annual meeting of the congregation on January 13, four new Council members were elected to serve three year terms. They were installed the following Sunday at our 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. All newly-elected members will be participating in the annual Council retreat that will be held on Saturday, February 9. The day-long retreat focuses on team-building. It is also designed to help provide an orientation to the duties ahead.

As reflected in the short bios that appear below, each new Council member brings important gifts, talents, background experience, and faith to the leadership of our church. The congregation is encouraged to extend personal thanks and welcome to our new Council members. Please keep all of our Church Council members, new and continuing, and your prayers.

### ***Second Vice President – Michele McNeely***

Michele McNeely is a graduate of Taylor Center High School. She attended Ferris State University and is a graduate of Wayne County Community College. For fifteen years Michele served the City of Taylor as administrative assistant to Mayors Cameron Priebe

and Gregory Pitoniak. Along with her husband, Harold Jr., a mechanic, she currently manages a truck repair business. Michele's daughter Nicole, who attends services with her, was married in mid-December in the sanctuary. For the wedding Michele enjoyed preparing many of the Christmas pew decorations that have since been added to our church collections. In her spare time Michele sews and pursues fitness activities. Michele's mother-in-law, the late Janet McNeely, served on our church council. Over the past year particularly Michele has welcomed the opportunity to assist in worship services as a lector. This past fall Michele also co-led our annual Women's Retreat at the Michindoh Conference Center.

#### ***Treasurer – Daniel Case***

Daniel Case is a graduate of Southgate Anderson High School and Michigan Technological University where he studied and received his degree in electrical engineering. For 37 years he was employed with General Motors as Engineering Group Manager for Advanced Manufacturing. Since retired, he has, along with his wife, Deborah Case, devoted much time to many different church-related activities. His past service to St. Paul Church over the last three decades includes terms as both St. Paul Council president, treasurer, and trustee plus participation on many other church committees and task forces, including the Building Our Future Campaign. Most recently, Dan has been an active member of the Building & Grounds Committee, working to ensure that our building is maintained in the best possible condition for our day-to-day ministry. Dan has also joined in providing vital leadership for Men's Fellowship which, among other things, hosts the annual Wild Game Dinner. Dan is a proud grandfather five times over.

#### ***Elder – Christine Schwab***

Christine Schwab grew up in Detroit where her entire family were active members of our sister church, Trinity-St. Mark's. She is a graduate of Southwestern High School and studied business at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Originally employed with Chase Bank, Christine has served for the past six years as a customer service representative for Monroe Bank & Trust and is now based at the Taylor Branch. Christine recently moved with her mother Sheryl, a fellow church member, from Petersburg, Michigan to a new home in Riverview. Prior to that, Christine drove fifty miles (roundtrip one hundred miles!) to St. Paul Church every Sunday morning to worship with the congregation and to assist our Christian education ministry as child care attendant in our church's new Family Room. Three of Christine's nieces and nephews are enrolled in the St. Paul Sunday School program. In her spare time, Christine enjoys as hobbies both photography and card-making.

#### ***Deacon – James Nault***

James Nault initially grew up in Royal Oak but later moved with his family to Lambertville, Michigan near Toledo where he graduated from Bedford Senior High School. He subsequently studied and graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in accounting. He currently serves as the assistant comptroller for a small steel company. Married to Tricia Nault, Jim lives in Wayne, Michigan. He and his wife were introduced to St. Paul Church several years ago by her cousin, Mark Ennis, who was then serving as our Music Director. Both Jim and Tricia were invited to join the St.

Paul Church Choir and have enjoyed singing on Sunday mornings in our sanctuary ever since. Jim looks forward further contributing to the ministry of our church by his participation on our Church Council and assisting with Sunday morning worship services as a deacon.

### **Trustee – Toni Hill**

Toni Hill grew up in Taylor and is a graduate of Taylor Center High School. Along with her late grandmother, Marge Rocha; her mother, Karen Hill; and her aunt and uncle, Susan and Dennis Bennett, she has been an active member of our congregation since 1996. Toni has always made herself available to help at church wherever she has been needed. She is particularly dedicated to the work and mission of the St. Paul Women's Fellowship, which, among other things, hosts funeral luncheons for the families of bereaved church members. Toni has always been the gal on the go, picking up whatever catering items have been needed. Likewise, at our fall and spring rummage sales, Toni has pitched in to help ensure that everything is ready on opening day and that everything is cleaned up when the sale is done. Toni has also been a good advocate for the needs of different church groups at the quarterly meetings of the St. Paul Cabinet of organizations. When not working on church-related projects, Toni enjoys spending time with her four nieces as a very dedicated aunt.

### **2019 Initial Envelope Donation**

Just a quick reminder that the Initial Envelope in your 2019 envelope set is intended to help us offset the cost of paying for your envelopes. A gift of \$10.00 is suggested but any amount is acceptable, we have budgeted \$1,500 for the 2019 budget. Your help in meeting the 2019 budget amount will be greatly appreciated.

### **Advertise your Business in our new 2019 Membership Directory**

The new 2019 membership directory for St. Paul United Church of Christ will be ready for publishing this March. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, in our new directory should call Tracy Harris at (800) 544-6903 ext. 123 or email her at [tharris@cathedraldirectories.com](mailto:tharris@cathedraldirectories.com). A business card can be used in creating a new ad. Many times, members have small businesses and other members aren't aware, but would love to support them. Also, advertisers do not need to be members of our church, so feel free to pass this information along to others.

### **Last chance to make changes for the 2019 Membership Directory**

Final preparations for the 2019 Membership Directory are underway, if you have moved, added a new family member or changed your phone number please notify the Church Office at (313) 291-1221. If you don't want your cell phone number listed in the directory, you will also need to notify us in advance. Your help in keeping our data up-to-date will make for a more accurate 2019 Membership Directory. Thanks in advance for your support. Dan Case

### **Pete's Place Diner Rewards Program**

The program runs off a phone number. When you settle your bill let the cashier know you want to participate in the Diner Rewards program. Leave St. Paul's phone number (313) 291-1221 and for every \$50.00 spent, Pete's Place will donate \$5.00 to St. Paul.

The program is available at both restaurant locations. For more information, please speak with your server or contact the church office. Enjoy a wonderful meal and benefit St. Paul!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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.

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

Visit our new Usher Sign-up board located in the Narthex of the Church. Being an usher is as easy as signing your name to the board, you can sign up for only one service or as many services as you want. Experience is not required; the Deacons will be glad to train you prior to the service. All ushers are asked to be at Church thirty minutes prior to the service. Talk to a Deacon on Sunday Morning if you would like additional information.

### **Altar Guild Needs Additional Volunteers**

Opportunities for volunteers to maintain (fill) the altar candles weekly and to ensure the paraments (cloths on the lectern and pulpit) are changed accordingly. There are no meetings to attend. All materials and training are provided at your convenience. For more information please contact Arlene Felske or Sue Mrowka at the church office (313)291-1221.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

### **Memorial Fund**

In Memory of: *Justin Staffeld* From: Kevin & Teri Staffeld

### **Organ Fund**

In Memory of: *Melva Haglund* From: Kathe' Stears

In Memory of: *Doris Muck* From: Kathe' Stears

In Memory of: *Maryellen Prill* From: Kathe' Stears

In Memory of: *Vernagene Schafer* From: Kathe' Stears

### **Facility Improvement Fund**

In Memory of: *Bradford Zabik* From: Bill & Sandy McGahey

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Thank You to the January Merry Mailers:** Marjie Barnard, Barbara Schultz, Diane Poet, Sharon Podpora.

**Thank you to** the Ministry Chairs and Council members for getting their reports to me in a timely manner. Thank you to Sue Mrowka and Sandi Rose for volunteering their time to assemble the Annual Meeting Packets.

**Baptized Onto The Lord** Gabriel John Block. Born June 21, 2018 to Shawn & Greg Block. Baptized January 6, 2019. Grandparents are Jim & Paula Block, Pam Block; Laurie & Gordon O'Neil. Great-grandmother Virginia Maruszewski. Sibling is August.

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

**Members & Friends:** Sherrill Berndt, Marge Bergman, Marion Bolen, Debbie Case, Charlie Duncan, Phill Felske, Oren Forsyth, Harry Gardner, Shirley Gratrix, Betty Hagerty, Doris Hilliker, Ken Kaszubowski, Rev. Bill Kren, Jacob May, Mary Miller, Judy Nieman, Murl Nieman, Nancy Rabb, Lil Roscoe, Beverly Sitz, Sue Spears, Bert Thompson, Lorelee Wilson, and Carol Wioncek.

**Extended Family:** Annalynn (friend, Debbie Case), DeAnna Alderman (daughter, Brenda Tank), James Bolton (Jimmy's Jumpers), Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin (daughter, Shirley Havenstein), Dianne Fazzio (sister, Pam Lange), Dan Fisk (son, Brenda Tank), Mary Jane Fliss (sister-in-law, Arlene Wolfram), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Kevin Johnson (grandson, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm Eisenga), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jeff Natzke (nephew Michael Natzke), Helen Osborne (sister, Esther Perry), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Brenda Roll (friend, Helen St. Louis), Norm Stachulski (friend, Helen St. Louis), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), and Victoria Whitcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

**Congregations' Parents:** Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), 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 - hospice - *Amy's Place*, 41346 Lorac Lane, Northville 48167; Danielle Gardner - Maples The, Benzie County Medical Center, 210 Maple Ave., Frankfort, Mi 49635; Gertrude Hagen - Heartland, 9150 Allen Rd., Room 88, Allen Park, 48101; Bob Harry - Applewood Nursing Center, 18500 Van Horn Rd., Woodhaven, 48183, Eleanor Rossi - *Maple Heights*, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, MI 48101); Betty Steinhauer, Grace Trango -*Rivergate Health Center*, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193; Melissa Rossi -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125.

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