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**April 2019**

## **Snapshot of Events**

**Wednesday Night Worship & Bible Study** - April 3 & 10 - 7 PM to 8:30 PM

**Fish Dinner (Drive through only)** - April 5 - 4:00 - 6:30 PM

**Fish Dinner (Sit down/Carry out)** - April 12 - 4:00 - 6:30 PM

**Holy Week** - April 14 through April 21

**Palms Distributed at both Services** - April 14 - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Confirmand Examination** - April 14 - 9:00 AM

**Confirmand Continental Breakfast** - April 14 - 10:00 AM

**Confirmation of Faith for 5 Individuals** - April 14 - 10:30 AM

**Easter Egg Hunt** - April 14 - 10:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday Service** - April 18 - 7:30 PM

**Good Friday 'Soup of the Saints' Brunch** - April 19 - 11:00 AM

**Good Friday Service** - April 19 - 12:00 PM

**Easter Sunday Services** - April 21 - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Rummage Sale** - May 9 thru May 11 - Thu 9 AM - 5 PM/Fri 9 AM - 5 PM/Sat 9 -11 AM

**Muffins for Mom & Spring Flower Sale** - May 12 - 10:00 - 10:30 AM

## **PASTOR'S PEACE**

When I was a kid growing up my family often made use of Easter week to head out east. Because my parents shared a great love of history, which my three brothers and I inherited, our Easter week destination was frequently Washington, D.C., a city full of museums, monuments, and historic sites. At the same time, there were always plenty of things to see and do along the way.

One Easter weekend, we made our first stop in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, just a couple of hours shy of the nation's capital. That Easter Saturday we toured the local battlefields and listened to park rangers describing the harrowing fight for the future of our nation that cost so many lives and shed so much blood. Our parents took the opportunity to read aloud to us Abraham Lincoln's famous "Gettysburg Address" that was delivered at the dedication of the local military cemetery as the battles of the American Civil War picked up and raged on elsewhere after quiet had come to Gettysburg's bloodied hills and valleys. No less memorable was Easter Sunday. We had stayed overnight at the old pillared Gettysburg Hotel in the town's main square. In the morning we ventured to the Presbyterian Church nearby. It turned out that we were in great company. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who maintained a "farm" just outside town, was in the pews worshipping too. I remember people craning necks and jostling to get a view of the president. Ironically, that almost impressed me more than my own sight of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower!

Yet the most wonderful moment of that Easter took place back at the Gettysburg Hotel. At Easter brunch in the hotel's grand old dining room with its handsome fireplace, my family ended up sitting next to a table with two older women. One of them dropped something to the ground that I retrieved for them. Thereafter, our family and the two ladies began chatting across our tables with one another. It was a very warm and friendly conversation about where we were from (Detroit) and where we were going (Washington, D.C.) with the two women reciprocating causally about their own plans. After a bit, with their own meal finished, they got up to go, offering good-byes. But that wasn't the last that we saw them. Just a few minutes later they returned, coming directly to our table. In hand for each of us brothers were brightly boxed, foiled-wrapped chocolate Easter bunnies no doubt purchased in the hotel gift shop.

Memory can play tricks on us. I remember those chocolate Easter bunnies as huge. But they were probably more diminutively-sized and not that expensive. What was definitely immense was our surprise and delight. Imagine, strangers we had just met befriending us in this way.

Of course, we loved the chocolate—all the more so because we were not going to be receiving Easter baskets like friends back home. Yet the thoughtfulness and generosity of these two ladies is what really touched me then and sticks with me still across the many years that have since passed.

As an adult, Easter has come to mean so many deep and wonderful things to me. I cherish Easter as the most important day in my faith life as a Christian. Easter is that time when we all rejoice in Jesus' resurrection which defeats sin and death and validates everything that Jesus taught us about God's love for us. But it's also a day and season that should inspire to be more loving and generous people in keeping with the example of Jesus. I hope that we can each make this Easter an occasion in which we recommit

ourselves to be Christ's disciples in the world, surprising and delighting others by the way that we step forward to be compassionate, considerate, and generous with others, even strangers. The big stuff we do in life for Christ matters. But even the little stuff—like gifting chocolate Easter bunnies to strange kids far from home—can be memorable and consequential, affirming that this big world that God made really is a beautiful place when we care about each other like Christ cared about us.

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

### **Christian Education Editorial**

*"If I rise on wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." ~Psalm 139:9-10*

It's time for Spring Break. Soon all the children will be off for a week with many of them heading to a vacation resort. Tahiti, Bora Bora, a desert island in the middle of the Caribbean. Regardless of whether or not it is spring break, we all dream about getting away sometimes. From time to time, most of us think about what it might be like to chuck our smart phone off a cliff and board a plane headed for some place far away.

Even as we dream about a life-changing getaway, the Scriptures remind us of two things we cannot escape – ourselves and our Savior.

The author of Psalm 139 celebrates the Lord's constant, caring presence. At the same time, he is not naïve. He does not live in some bubble, sheltered from reality. No, he faces very real, very powerful enemies and he lives with anxieties. And he suspects that he commits many more sins than he even knows about. Like the Psalmist, we cannot escape ourselves. Not even on Bora Bora. No matter how far or how fast we run, when we turn around, there we are!

We cannot get away from the Lord either. That's a good thing! It's good because He comes not to judge, but to save and help. The cross of Christ proves it!

As we look towards Spring and New Beginnings, let us remember the redeeming work of the cross and the One who hung upon it in order to save us from ourselves. May you find rest and restoration in His ever present love and promises.

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

### **Christian Education News and Events**

#### **St. Paul Youth Go Without Food To Raise Awareness And Funds To Help Eradicate World Hunger**

Youth participating in the 30 Hour Famine the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> raised over \$1,000.00 to help combat world hunger. In addition to raising funds and awareness they went on a shopping spree to purchase food for the Fish and Loaves food pantry and pulled pop-can lids for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to all members who have supported their efforts through monetary donations or prayer.

## **Christian Education to Host Final "2019" Fish Dinner Bake Sales**

Christian Education would like to thank everyone who so generously donated baked goods for the two annual bake sales held in March during the sit down fish dinners. The bake sale table has been full and has offered a variety of different, beautifully wrapped and bowed baked goods. Our last bake sale will be held during the April 12<sup>th</sup> fish dinner. We thank you in advance for your continued support. All proceeds will help to fund Christian Education programs such as the Halloween Trunk or Treat, Easter party and Vacation Bible School.

## **Easter Egg Hunt And Party To Be Held April 14<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party will be hosted by the Sunday School staff and held during the Sunday School hour on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Over the course of the hour the children will decorate eggs and cookies and hunt for Easter Eggs hid by the older youth. Following these activities the children will settle down to receive an Easter message. Christian Education would like to thank in advance everyone who donates candy, eggs or their time to help with the party. All donations can be placed in the bucket located by the Welcome Center desk. If you are interested in helping with the party or have further questions please contact Sheri Herkimer or Pastor Schalm.

## **Youth Stock Now Available for Purchase**

The youth will be selling stock to help fund their summer mission trip. For a donation, shareholders will be assured a personal letter from a youth mission trip participant, their name placed upon the Rock Hard in Faith mission trip banner and the knowledge that they have helped to shape a life in Christ. Youth stock can be purchased during coffee beginning April 7th.

## **Plans For The "2019" Mission Trip Are Underway**

The "2019" summer mission trip to Boston, MA is quickly approaching. From June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup> participants will be serving the elderly, hungry, lost, abandoned and those in need. They will be doing such things as preparing and serving meals, working in shelters, assisting with thrift stores and food pantries, painting and yard work.

While the youth will be extremely busy serving those in need they will also have the opportunity to fellowship with one another and to explore the area for an hour or two each evening. Most importantly, they will have the opportunity to grow closer to Christ through mandatory morning devotions, evening worship and discussion time. All interested youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) should contact Pastor Schalm. Spots are limited and will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

## **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.

## **Young Adult Ministry**

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

The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. 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**

#### **Jerusalem Café and Wednesday Night Worship Service on April Wednesdays**

Church members and friends are invited to enjoy our congregation's final mid-week worship, and Bible study, and fellowship gatherings on Wednesdays, April 3 and 10.

Located in our church's West Room, the Jerusalem Café provides refreshments and fellowship from 6-7 PM. Afterwards, church members and friends gather for worship in the chancel led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas.

Our upcoming Bible study sessions in this Lent's "Gates of Prayer" series continues to focus on our prayer life as Christian men and women. Sunday School instructor Doreen Thompson will lead a Bible study on April 3, "Thy Will Be Done: Praying the Lord's Prayer." The following Wednesday, April 10, our Leader Pastor Cheryl Schalm offers a concluding session on "Most Powerful Prayers: Supplications that Change Lives." All Bible study materials are provided to participants. The Bible study series meets in the church parlor, 7:30-8:30 PM. You are invited to participate in one or both of these sessions even if you have not been present for earlier programs.

For more information about our Lenten Wednesday activities, call the church office (313-291-1221)

#### **Volunteers Needed for Two More Lenten Fish Dinners**

Our congregation will be hosting two more fish dinners on Friday during the Lenten Season. A Drive-thru dinner will be hosted on Friday April 5, 4:00 - 6:30 PM. A sit-down dinner, plus carry-out, will be hosted on April 12, 4:00 - 6:30 PM. As in past years, the menu will include breaded wild-caught North Atlantic Cod, French fries, macaroni and cheese, our church's famous Cole slaw, roll, home-baked pie, and beverages.

Volunteer help is needed to host these last two dinners. The donation of home-baked pies is needed for the April 12 dinner. Approximately 90 pies are needed for the sit-down dinner to serve the anticipated crowd. Our volunteer sign-up board can be found in the narthex. Pie tins are also available in the narthex for pick-up. Please speak with the deacon on hand if you have any questions about volunteer sign-up or pie donations.

#### **Palm Sunday Services Begin Holy Week—Continental Breakfast Honors Confirmants**

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of a week culminating in his arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection will be commemorated during Palm Sunday services on April 14. In keeping with tradition, palms will be distributed to all parishioners. However,

this year nine o'clock church-goers will receive them at the start of the service, while those attending at the 10:30 AM service will be presented with both palms and a personal blessing as they depart from the sanctuary.

Church members are encouraged to save their palm at home and return it to church prior to the start of the next Lenten season for use in preparing the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday.

At the 9:00 AM service five young people will be examined. Following that service the Christian Education ministry will be hosting an annual Confirmand Breakfast in honor of the "2019" Confirmation class. After breakfast the confirmands will then be confirmed during the 10:30 AM worship service. It will serve to be a full, exciting and blessed morning.

Mark your planners now for this special time of recognition and celebration. Anyone interested in helping or donating should contact Pastor Schalm or the church office.

### **Five Young People to Be 'Examined' and 'Confirmed'**

Five ninth graders are finishing two years of study with Pastor Drutchas and Sunday School Teacher Doreen Thompson and will be both examined and confirmed in Christian faith at the Palm Sunday Services on April 14, at 9 and 10:30 AM.

During the first service on Palm Sunday, Aaron Flomo, Andrew Caruso, Carlee Robbins, Tyler Staten and Meredith Stull will answer questions based upon their recent studies, reflecting their fresh knowledge and understanding of their Christian faith. Our second service that morning will be the occasion of their actual confirmation in faith, affirming their baptism and discipleship in a special ceremony that also welcomes them into adult membership within our church. After kneeling for consecration during that second service, they will rise and receive from the hands of their parents a personalized stole, decorated with symbols of their personal life journey.

Later that week, on Maundy Thursday, they will also be sharing in their first communion, which will complete their welcome into our church family as young adult members.

The combined examination and confirmation of young people on Palm Sunday this year is prompted by the scheduling Spring Break for local schools which falls during the week prior to Holy Week observances at our church.

### **Gethsemane Night' Service Held**

Taking inspiration from the "Gethsemane Window" high above our church altar that serves as a meditational focus for sanctuary services throughout the year, a very special "Gethsemane Night" Service will be held on Maundy Thursday this year, April 18, 7:30 PM.

As the service first gets underway worship participants will be asked to light candles and offer personal prayers at three prayer stations honoring the Holy Trinity. Then shared will be the story of Jesus' betrayal leading up to his fateful prayers in the company of his apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. The service will culminate with worshippers invited to come forth in small circle groups to receive communion in the chancel before the altar and below the Gethsemane Window. Our choir will be offering anthems and hymns commemorating Jesus' fateful night with his apostles.

Five newly-confirmed young people of our congregation will be assisting in that night's service, as well as receiving their first communion. A fellowship gathering immediately follows the service in the West Room. Church members are encouraged to invite family members and friends to worship and fellowship with us.

### **Lectors Needed for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services**

Lectors or readers are needed to assist with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, which will be respectively held on April 18, 7:30-8:30 PM and April 19, 12 noon. Maundy Thursday lectors will be reading scriptural passages remembering pivotal moments in Jesus' life. Good Friday lectors will participate in a liturgy based on the psalms and the gospels. Copies of all lecturing materials will be available at least one week prior to the services.

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 offering plate. No previous lecturing experience is necessary.

### **Solemn Noon-time Good Friday Service--Preceded by 'Soup of the Saints' Brunch**

Church members and friends are invited to attend a noontime Good Friday Service in the sanctuary of St. Paul United Church of Christ on April 19. The liturgy and order of service for the somber occasion will share anew the story of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross which makes possible the salvation of humankind. Accompanying the words of gospel that noontide will be some of the great hymns of the church—"The Old Rugged Cross," "Be Still My Soul," and "Were You There?" Worshipers are asked to be seated for the service within the cross outlined among the pews of the sanctuary. No offering will be taken. Worshipers will be asked to enter and depart in complete silence.

Prior to the noontime service, in the best traditions of the ancient Christian church and its saints, we will be having a Soup and Bread Brunch in the West Room, starting at 11:00 AM. Two different soups and a variety of fresh-baked breads will be served with a light dessert. A \$5 donation is invited. Please RSVP in advance for our Good Friday "Soup of the Saints" Brunch at the kiosk in Fellowship Hall between Sunday morning services or through the church office (313-291-1221).

### **Sunrise and Mid-Morning Easter Vigil Services Gather**

Sunrise and Mid-Morning Easter Vigil Services at St. Paul Church on Sunday, April 21, 8 and 10:30 AM, will be joyous celebrations of the light that Jesus Christ brings to our lives. The Easter Vigil services will begin with a procession of light by our church choir, the ringing of the church bell, an Easter proclamation, and a congregational singing of that great Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." Pastors Geoff Drutchas and Cheryl Schalm will lead the morning services which will include pew communion open to all Christians baptized and confirmed in faith. Reverend Drutchas will be preaching on three decisive garden moments, culminating with the first Easter morning, that has changed the fate of humankind—for the good. During the second service Pastor Schalm will share a special Easter message for children and youth.

Between the Sunrise and Mid-Morning Services, 9-10:30 AM, church members and friends are invited to gather in the festively decorated Fellowship Hall to enjoy a wide array of breads—Easter bread and sweet breads--and other light edibles served for Christianity's most holy day.

### **Sewing Guild "Sew 'n Sews" to meet April 18 2019**

Come and join us at 10:00 a.m. on April 18th in the West Room. No sewing skills necessary. Bring a sandwich, dessert and beverages are provided. Wonderful fun and fellowship. For more information please contact Sharon Leonard or Janet Staffeld.

### **Red Hot Purple Angels April 25 Event**

We will be going on a tour of the Sanders (Morley) Candy Factory on April 25. The tour is at 12 noon and includes some samples. We will carpool to Clinton Township leaving church promptly at 10:45 AM due to construction. Following the tour, we will go to the chocolate and ice cream shop attached to the factory. Please sign-up on the RHPA Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Kathy Williams is the contact.

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

Spring's here and the St. Paul Spring Rummage Sale is on its way, coming up fast. The sale opens its doors, Thursday, May 9, 9:00 AM and continues through Saturday morning, May 11. Set-up begins Wednesday, May 1, and continues through Wednesday, May 8. Post-sale clean-up takes place on Saturday, May 11, 11-1 PM. All items not sold are bagged or boxed for pick-up by one of the local non-profit resale shops in our Downriver area.

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

Your donations of clothing and household goods are welcomed and very much needed to ensure the sale's success. Because of Easter's later date this year, rummage sale item drop-off will begin on Monday April 15. All items donated should be clean and in a good state of repair. Items can be dropped off at the back of Fellowship Hall during office hours at church, 9 AM to 2 PM or at other times by arrangement.

### **Muffins for Mom Celebration to be Held on Mother's Day**

The Sunday School children, with the help of Men's Fellowship, will be honoring their mothers and the women of the congregation on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with a special, muffins for Mom continental breakfast. The celebration will be held between the morning worship services, 10:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies should mark their planners for this special event.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Spring Flower & Bake Sale**

Spring is in the air, Mother's Day is fast approaching and it is time to think flowers. Again this year the youth will be selling flats of flowers, planters, hanging baskets, vegetable plants and more. Members and friends will have the opportunity to pre-order their flowers and plants and have them delivered to the church on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Upon delivery the youth will carry and load them into your vehicle.

Only a small amount of flowers will be available for sale the day of pick-up so it is important that you pre-order to get your desired selection. Order forms can be secured during coffee hour, in the church office or at the Christian Education Welcome Center beginning April 7th.

In addition to the flowers, the youth will also be holding a bake sale and collecting all your unwanted cans & bottles during the flower sale. Any questions, please contact Pastor Schalm.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### **Exercise Classes Continue in April**

Exercise is important to our overall health. Classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 PM in the West Room. Our instructor is Delesa, who is a wonderful trainer with a Christian philosophy. Increased strength and balance have been noticed by all who have participated. A donation of \$3-5 is suggested for each day class attended. We will not meet April 3, 8 and 22. All donations are accepted. All are invited.

### **Meditation Classes Continue**

Are you stressed? Do you want to focus more on the being in the present? Sessions will continue on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM or 3-4 PM, your choice. We will be learning and practicing breathing and meditation. Kathy Williams will lead the session.

### **CPR/First Aid Class both New and Renewal will be Offered in May**

Ideally, we would like two persons from each church group or committee to take a First-aid/CPR class. This will allow someone to be able to be a capable first-responder to an injured person during church activities. If you have a current AHA CPR/FA card, you can do a review, practice and take a skills test. This takes 4 hours or less. Those persons wanting to take the initial CPR/First aid class or have a card older than two years can get carded through the American Heart Association. CPR/First aid class takes about 8 hours. Classes will include two four-hour sessions. *The class workbook will be available prior to the sessions and needs to be read prior to the class.* If you are interested in becoming certified please place a Make a-Wish card in the offering plate. Contact Kathy Williams if you have further questions. Cards cost \$16.

### **Matter of Balance Class Begins May 13**

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase their activity levels. You will learn techniques to improve your balance. We will meet from 11 AM – 1 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays May 13 through June 10. Snacks will be provided. Classes are free; but donations are accepted. This program is offered through the Agency on aging and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. Register by calling LaShawn Griffin at 734.222.98 Ext 214 or Kathy Williams at church.

### **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, of Taylor. Meetings are held on Monday nights with weigh in starting at 6:00 PM. Meetings start at 6:30 PM and end at approximately 7:15 PM, in the West Room. There is no cost for the first meeting attended. Contact Parish Nurse Kathy Williams for more information.

### **Greeting Cards are Needed**

Do you have extra greeting cards to donate? We especially need Blank and 'Thinking of You' cards. They can be dropped off in the office during office hours 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday or on Sundays.

### **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 Street Signage Announces Church Activities**

The newly-installed electronic sign along Goddard Road is now announcing upcoming church programs and activities. As promised by the St. Paul Trustees and the Building & Grounds Ministry, the sign was electrified and operational by mid-March--despite inclement weather. The sign is programmed through the church office. Trustee Michael Isaacs, who supervised our sign launch, is coordinating current sign announcements. The best ways to make use of the new electronic is a learning process for Michael and the Building & Grounds Team. The firm providing the electronic sign has made suggestions for the most effective use of colors and type faces for messaging which the Buildings & Grounds Team will be reviewing as they create a simple usage manual for our church.

In line with City of Taylor requirements the sign board is slightly smaller than its predecessor but, utilizing the same pole, maintains the original height for good visibility. The new signage was made possible by a generous \$25,000 gift by Bob Harry who believes it can be an important impact for our ministry together.

### **'Soundings' Forum Attracts Crowd**

An all-church forum, hosted by the Soundings Team as a part of a congregational dialogue on Sunday morning worship times, was held on Sunday, March 17, after the second service. Forty church members participated in a hour-long discussion, facilitated by Pastor Geoff Drutchas who took extensive notes on a newsprint easel pad. The discussion was positive and upbeat with many ideas shared about what might be best for our church in scheduling worship on Sundays and other times. The suggestions have been transcribed and preserved for further review by the Soundings Team as it

continues to solicit views and opinions of our congregation and prepares a final recommendation that will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the semi-annual meeting in July.

Over the next two months, the Soundings Team will be organizing several focus groups and be developing both an electronic and hard copy poll to be able to capture the fullest possible range of perspectives. Please contact the church office (313-291-1221) if you would like to participate in one of the single-session focus groups that will be held.

Members of the Soundings Team include Debbie Case, Dan Case, Lisa Childress, Mark Ennis, Michael Isaacs, Pam Lange, David Lange, Cheryl Kincaid, Gary Peters, Barbara Schultz, and Pastors Geoff and Cheryl Schalm.

### **What you didn't know about our Website (New info coming each month)**

Visit our Website at [www.stpaulucctaylor.org](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org):

1. Audio Copies of Our St. Paul Worship Services are available online by selecting the "Weekly Sermons, Bulletins and Audio Services" tab from the main menu. Select from the listings of dates to view available bulletins, sermons and full audio recordings of the service.
2. Our Monthly Tidings Newsletter and Church Calendar are available online by selecting the "What's Happening" tab from the main menu.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case.

### **Initial Envelope Donations for 2019**

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 budget \$1,500 for the 2019 budget. Your help in meeting the 2019 budget amount will be greatly appreciated. There is still time to make a donation.

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

Just a quick reminder that St. Paul has partnered with VANCO Services to make your giving easier than ever. To set up a giving schedule, visit us online at [www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving), select the "OnLine Giving" tab from the main menu and set up your donation 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. For additional assistance or if you have questions, please contact Dan Case or Gary Peters.



### **St. Paul Memorial Grove a great way to remember a loved one**

The St. Paul Memorial Committee purchased five flowering Cleveland Select Pear trees to start the "St. Paul Memorial Grove". You may have noticed these new trees on the

North edge of our property behind the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. The trees are available for any member who want to plant a tree to honor or commemorate family members and events. A \$200 donation to the Memorial Ministry will purchase one of the trees with a 6 x 12 x 2 inch granite marker under the tree. The marker can have up to two lines of inscription. Two of the trees have already been purchased by members, if you are interested please contact any member of the Memorial Ministry or the Building and Grounds Ministry.

### **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 AM. 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.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Thank You to the March Merry Mailers:** Marjie Barnard, Barbara Schultz, Sharon Podpora, and Fred Miller.

**Roses on the Pulpit celebrate the births of:** \*Nora June Kronemann, born Saturday, March 9, 2019 to Roy and Rebecca Parant Kronemann. St Paul Grandparents are Janet Parant and Walter Ray. St. Paul Great-Grandmother is Irene Stoner. \*Lucy Roscoe, born Tuesday, March 12, 2019 to Aaron and Maria Burkel Roscoe. St. Paul Grandmother is Lillian Roscoe.

**Baptized unto the Lord** and welcomed into church membership March 24, 2019 is Elizabeth Bechtol. Please greet Liz with a warm St. Paul welcome.

**Thank You** to my wonderful church family and friends for your cards, prayers, and caring thoughts during my recent procedure and recovery. Of my many blessings, my church family is one of my most cherished. *Dan Evison*

**Condolences to** Moses & Veronica Flomo & family on the loss of their 1 year old nephew, Peter Flomo, Jr. in Sierra Leone.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

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