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Minister of Christian Education - Pastor Cheryl Schalm

February 2020

Snapshot of Events

Teen Parenting Class - Tuesdays for 6 weeks beginning February 11th - 7:00 p.m.

ScrapBook Crop and Vendor Show - February 8th - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pictorial Directory Sign-up Begins - February 9th - 11:00 a.m.

Wild Game Dinner - February 13th - 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

ARC Dance - February 16th - 4:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting - February 18th - 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul Coleslaw Preparation - February 22nd - 8:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service - February 26th - 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to Important Dates in March

'TGIW' Wednesdays through Lent - 7:00 p.m. service followed by Bible Study

Dine In or Carry Out Fish Dinner - March 6th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Fish Dinner - March 13th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dine In or Carry Out Fish Dinner - March 20th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Fish Dinner - March 27th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dine In or Carry Out Fish Dinner - April 3rd - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PEACE

This past month our congregation held its annual meeting. Being January, the weather was not the best, which dampened Sunday morning attendance. But there were more than enough congregants present for a quorum so that the work of the day could get done. Written reports from our church's organizations and ministries were presented. An end-of-the-year financial report underscoring that we met budget and that there was no deficit was also shared with oral explanation. Then we turned to the business of the new year. A proposed unified budget for 2020 was approved. Finally, a slate of candidates for our Church Council was formally placed in nomination and unanimously approved by everyone gathered. Elected were Tim Ruffner (first vice-president), Jim Poet (second vice president), Jane Dykowski (secretary), Terri Staffeld (deacon), Mark Ennis (elder), and Michael Isaacs (trustee). Both Mark Ennis and Michael Isaacs were returning for second three-year terms. Everyone elected joins Michele McNeely (president), Dan Case (treasurer), Barb Schultz (elder), Christine Schwab (elder), Dee Salisbury (deacon), James Nault (deacon), Dave Badarak (trustee), and Toni Hill (trustee).

St. Paul members present and participating in the congregational meeting with outgoing Council president Pam Lange presiding walked away satisfied that the good business of our church had been handled effectively and efficiently. More personally, the morning left me proud of our ministry together here. Following a congregational model of organization, our United Church of Christ congregations are among the relatively few religious bodies in America where church members from the pews make—under God's guidance--the ultimate decisions about how we are going to conduct our affairs and put resources to work for Christ. Although it is easy to take it all for granted, this self-governance is a privilege and a blessing.

Happily, our new and continuing Council members take both our congregational organization and their leadership responsibilities on our behalf seriously. On this first weekend in February, they will all join in a day-long leadership retreat in which they take the opportunity to get to know one another better; share in bible study; learn more about our church and its traditions; better discern the different gifts and talents among us; and reflect on common goals and priorities for the year ahead so that we are offering our own members and the wider community the best ministry possible. Our Council members' participation in the day retreat is just one more example of the commitment that each of them bring to our Christian life together.

I ask you to keep our Council members in your prayers in the weeks ahead. Your appreciative encouraging words to them will also mean a lot, helping confirm their call to serve and ensuring that the work ahead for them for Jesus and for us is not a thankless task. I hope that our Council members' example of service can also be an inspiration to the rest of us to say "yes" when an invitation to leadership comes to any of us.

It's also important for us to thank both Pam Lange and Kristi Caruso for their service. Each finished their term and now turn to other pursuits. Each, however, have vowed to remain active in serving our church and its ministry in other ways. Their faithful servanthood offers one more good example for us all.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

Regardless of whom or what we choose to follow, it requires something of us. There are "opportunity costs." We have to sacrifice something in order to receive whatever it is we hope to gain. This principle holds true within every aspect of life; relationships, careers, athletics, academics, and physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Thus, we must use good judgment to ensure that our life's investments pay great dividends, not only during our lifetime, but at our life's end as well.

Is the price you are paying for any given investment worth it? Or, would it be better spent elsewhere?

Christ warned us to consider the cost of following Him. Like with all things, He tells us that it will cost us something. But He also promises that when we make the investment and choose to follow Him His spirit will live within us. As a result, He will make us speak His words with power. He will make us vessels of His mercy. He will make us helpful every hour. When we follow Christ He promises to make us what we cannot be on our own; loving, trustful, and godly. He promises to make us just like Him.

May God bless us with grace and understanding of the limitless value and worth of following Christ.

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

Christian Education News and Events

DATE CHANGE*Parenting your Teenager Six Week Workshop Set to Begin in FEBRUARY**

Due to scheduling conflicts with those interested in participating, the workshop will begin on Tuesday, February 11th. We will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout March 17th.

The six week workshop, to be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., will focus on teens identity, rebellion, turmoil and legacy. While we learn and grow together, we will also serve as a support group for one another. This workshop based on Christian principles is open to all parents regardless if a member of the church or not. Please contact Pastor Schalm if you are interested in participating.

Christian Education Seeks Baked Goods for Annual Fish Dinner Bake Sales

The "2020" sit-down, Lenten fish dinners will be held on March 6th, March 20th and April 3rd. 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

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 15th -16th. 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 1st.

Sunday School children and their families should also mark their planners for Sunday, April 5th. The annual **Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and Party** will be held during the 10:00 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.

Operation Snuggle

Sick, cold, homeless or sad; God's love and presence can be felt through the warmth and comfort of a blanket.

Help to share God's love by donating a new blanket for those who served our country at Veteran's Hospital and/or the homeless finding their way at Cass Social Services, ChristNet, and the Salvation Army. Donate your gently used blankets for the unwanted and abandoned animals of the Taylor Animal Shelter.

Additionally, we will be collecting duffle bags for Operation Can, a center for foster children. Each duffle bag will include a blanket and will replace the plastic bag currently given them to hold their items. They will be handed out to each child during intake.

All donations should be dropped off in the Christian Education Department or Church Office. Items will be taken to the designated location the first Sunday of every month.

For more Information contact: Kaitlyn Isaacs, "Operation Snuggle" Founder or Pastor Cheryl Schalm

ROCK HARD IN FAITH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

February Happenings:

Sunday, February 2nd - Filling SuperBowl Sub Orders. Youth should plan now to meet in the Fellowship Hall for donuts at 8:30 a.m. Afterwards we will be filling sub sandwich orders.

Saturday - Sunday, February 15th – 16th - 30 Hour Famine. 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.

Sunday, February 16th 4:00– 6:30 p.m. ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) Dinner Dance

March Happenings:

March Fish Dinners, Friday, March 6th and March 20th - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth should plan on assisting with this all-church fundraiser.

Saturday, March 14th – Wyandotte Soup Kitchen. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to head to the soup kitchen where we will prepare and serve lunch.

Friday – Saturday, March 20th & 21st – Spring Retreat, Frankenmuth. We will depart at 4:30 p.m. Cost to include meals \$50.00. Confirm participation by March 8th

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 15th – 16th. The group will gather for a lock-in on Saturday, February 15th where they will complete the 30 hour fast together. Through team games held during the evening, participants will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of poverty and world hunger. A youth candle worship service will be held later that evening at 11:00 p.m. following the group’s shopping to benefit Fish and Loaves. Participants will break-fast on Sunday morning at Pete’s Place in Taylor. Then following the morning’s worship service on Sunday, February 16th, participants will gather to host the annual ARC Valentine Dinner Dance.

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.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Worship Wednesday Bible Study

The group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Schalm’s. All post-High School young adults are welcome and encouraged to join. Plan to join the group for study, discussion, laughter, food and fellowship.

The young adults would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported their hurricane relief mission trip. The group of ten served with the Florida UCC Disaster Relief team to repair homes destroyed by hurricanes during their Christmas break.

Calling All College Students and Recent High School Graduates

Christian Education is in need of 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 to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

EVENTS YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS

Youth Fellowship Continues to take Super Sub Orders

The youth will be taking orders for sub sandwiches, soup and cookies through January 29th. All orders will be filled and ready for pick up following the worship service on SuperBowl Sunday, February 2nd.

Twelve inch subs can be ordered for \$10.00, 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.

Scrapbook Crop and Vendor Show - Saturday February 8th

Come one come all. Our Crop with Vendors will offer something for everyone. If you are interested in scrapbooking or being a vendor, email (debbiescase@aol.com for the flyer) or call Deb Case (734-941-1228). At this point I have room for one more vendor and about 10 more scrappers. Our vendors will offer all kinds of different items, such as Tupperware, 31 bags, cake products, Scentsy, home decor, Lularoe fashions, lip color, two kinds of jewelry, purses, and artificial flower arrangements. We even have a licensed massage therapist, who will massage all your kinks away. We will also have raffles prizes, a couple silent auction items, and a 50/50 raffle. We are still in need of donations of door prizes and raffle prizes, which you can give to Lynn Durisin, Sheri Herkimer, or Deb Case. If you can help that day in the kitchen, please contact Jane Dykowski. This is a big fundraiser for Christian Education ministries and our Health ministries. Please come and shop with our vendors or check out our raffles. The best time to shop is between 10-3. It is free to just come and shop.

'Faith Cruise' Service Upcoming

Get out your tropical shirts. Sandals are welcome also (if the snow doesn't get too deep). Come share in a "Faith Cruise" Service that will be held at St. Paul Church, Sunday, February 9. Celebrated in worship will be the church as the great "Ship of Salvation" as we share the stories of Jesus and others in the Bible who have enjoyed their own momentous cruises. Our morning hymns and music will further recall the oceanic experiences of all who walk in faith. The fellowship hour for that morning will also have a tropical theme. Plan to cruise a little longer that morning with some great fellow passengers.

Incidentally, the most colorful tropical shirt that morning gets a special "Pastor's Prize."

St. Paul Pictorial Directory - Sign-up begins - February 9th

It's been over 5 years since we last published a St. Paul Pictorial Directory. We have contracted with a new company this time, Universal Church Directories. We are very excited about this initiative and look forward to working with our membership as we develop the directory. But we need your participation, each family/member will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory just for having their picture taken, no additional purchases are required. However, you may want to order additional pictures to share with family and friends. Information on the directory will be shared in the Sunday Bulletin on Sunday, February 2nd. Pictures will be taken on April 16th, 17th and 18th. You can begin signing up on Sunday, February 9th at the Kiosk table during Coffee Hour. An online sign-up system will also be available for your use as well; directions on how to access the online system will be handed out on Sunday, February 9th. If you have additional questions, please contact any member of the Communication Ministry.

Tickets still available - Thirteenth Annual Wild Game Dinner – February 13th

There is still time to get your tickets for the 13th Annual Wild Game Dinner on Thursday, February 13th. This year's event will feature Elk, Buffalo, Alligator, Wild Boar, Venison, Salmon and much more. Doors open at 5:30 pm, hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm and a sit-down dinner at 7:00 pm. It's a fun filled evening with lots of raffles, good eating and great fellowship. Tickets are \$30/each and can be purchased at the KIOSK

table during Coffee Hour, by calling the Church office at (313) 291-1221 or by calling James Poet, Gary Staffeld, John Smith, Candace Poet or Dan Case. We are still looking for new items that can be used for the raffles.

Rock Hard In Faith Youth Fellowship to Host ARC Dinner Dance

On Sunday, February 16th 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.

Sewing Guild Sew 'n Sews

We are looking for anyone who knits or crochets and would like to make baby blankets, lap blankets, kid size blankets, baby or kid's cancer hats. All yarn will be supplied. Please contact Sharon Leonard or the church office if you are able to help us utilize a large donation of yarn. It would be great if you could attend our meetings, but not necessary. We meet in the West Room the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee are provided. Join us for 'food for thought'. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 20th, 10:00 a.m.

Red Hats - February 20, Thursday- Potluck Bunco 6:30 p.m. in the West Room

Bring a dish to pass. Dinner at 6:30. Bring \$5 for Bunco. You don't need to know how to play. All Ladies of the church welcome.

St. Paul Coleslaw Preparation- Saturday, February 22nd

Mark your calendars, the 2020 fish dinners are coming and this year we will be making our famous St. Paul coleslaw on Saturday, February 22nd in the church kitchen. At 8:30 AM we will shred the cabbage and then at 9:30 cut the peppers, culminating with mixing it together in the brine. Depending on how many people participate it takes anywhere from three to four hours to make the (22) five-gallon pails of coleslaw. Even if you can stop by for only one hour all help is appreciated. Please contact Jim Poet, Dan Case or the Church Office at (313) 291-1221 if you need more information or want to volunteer to help.

Our Annual Souperbowl Sunday Rescheduled: February 23rd

St. Paul's seventh annual "Souperbowl Sunday", which was cancelled due to the weather, has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020, in Fellowship Hall, 11:00 am -1:00 pm. Church members and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of 20-25 different home-made soups. Donation for the event is \$7 per person at the door or you can purchase tickets in advance at the KIOSK table during Fellowship Hour or by calling the Church office at 313-291-1221. The event is organized by the Building and Grounds Ministry. All proceeds benefit improvements to our church facilities. Those interested in hosting a soup station are asked to speak with event coordinator Jim Poet (734) 718-3137. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss out on a fun and tasty afternoon.

Caregivers Meet on the Fourth Monday

The monthly meeting of Caregivers will be gathering in the church parlor on Monday, February 24th, 7:30 p.m. Led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas, the meeting provides an opportunity for those providing care for loved one at home or in nursing home care to share experiences and receive extra support.

For more information, contact the church office.

Ash Wednesday Service Arrives at Month's End

The Epiphany Star still shines in our sanctuary, a reminder of the original luminous star that announced Jesus' birth. But the season marches on, leading us directly to Lent at month's end. Marking a seasonal change, our congregation will be observing the start of a new Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Service on the last Wednesday, February 26th, 7:30 p.m. Church members and friends will be invited that night to receive ashes, recalling our own mortality, as well as the dust of the desert that Jesus experienced in the forty days and nights after his baptism in the River Jordan. Please mark your calendars now for this very special service.

Ashes will also be available in the Church chancel at the altar from 7-9 a.m. for those who wish to receive them before beginning their day.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Exercise Classes Continue

Let's continue that New Years resolution and join our exercise class on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the West Room, (unless otherwise advertised). Our Instructor Delissa leads you through a warm-up, a series of exercises to help you build strength and endurance, and then a cool down followed by a prayer to send you on your way. The class lasts for approximately 70 minutes. So come join us for some fun and fellowship. There is no cost for the class but a free will donation is welcomed but not expected. Hope to see you there!

TOPS, - (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets Weekly

St Paul is hosting the TOPS Taylor Chapter 9744. Meetings are held on Monday nights in the West Room, with a weigh in starting at 6:00 p.m. and ends at approximately 7:15 p.m. There is no cost for the first meeting attended. Contact Kathy Williams for more information.

Dementia Monthly Lectures Series

The University of Michigan, Michigan, Alzheimer's Disease Center has a series of lectures re: Dementia. The next two lectures are: ["Brain Health & The Pocketbook: New Findings & Directions" lecture series presentation by Dr. Peter Lichtenberg](#) February 25, from 12n-2 PM, then on March 25 from 12n-2 PM at ["Risks and Protective Factors of Dementia" lecture series presentation by Dr. Scott Roberts](#). Call 734.232 to register. Both sessions are in Detroit, at the University of Michigan Detroit Center, 3663 Woodward Avenue Suite 150, Detroit, MI 48201. Other events can be found at: <https://alzheimers.med.umich.edu/events/>

Health/Medical Supplies Available

If you or someone you know have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office (313)291-1221.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Offers Invocation at Legislative Forum

Pastor Geoff Drutchas was invited to deliver the invocation for a Legislative Forum hosted by the Southern Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce on January 13th. Forum speaker was Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, who subsequently addressed elements of the pastor's opening prayer as she began her own remarks for the occasion. The prayer offered:

O Gracious God: In a time of troubles when division and polarization beset our communities, show us the way forward. Help us to appreciate once more the importance of moral virtue in daily life and the value of honesty, civility, and compassion in the conduct of our affairs, private and public. May the rude talk and mean violence of our present days, which dishonor the very name of our nation, be vanquished by a renewed desire to be better people, an example to our children and our children's children. Now, dear God, bless this breakfast we share and may it nourish us in body and lend us stamina. Because, truly, we have much work ahead as we take guidance from your Spirit. Amen.

2020 Initial Envelope Donation

Just a quick reminder that the Initial Envelope in your 2020 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 \$1,000 for the 2020 budget. Your help in meeting the 2020 budget amount will be greatly appreciated.

Advertise your Business in our new 2020 Membership Directory

The new 2020 membership directory for St. Paul United Church of Christ will be published this May. 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**. 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 - 2020 Membership Directory - February 21st

Final preparations for the 2020 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 2020 Membership Directory. Thanks in advance for your support. Dan Case

Proposed By-Law Changes January 12, 2020

The proposed By-Law changes were reviewed and agreed upon at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2020, final vote to change By-Laws will occur on Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Article 6 Governing Body Section 6.1

The governing body of this Church shall be the membership assembled in Church meeting. The vote of a majority of voting members present at the meeting shall be the action of the Church. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the voting membership according to the latest figures in the yearbook of the United Church of Christ, as shown in the official Church records.

Article 10 Church Staff Section 10.1 Pastor

~~c) The salary of the Pastor shall be mutually agreeable to both the Pastor and the Church Council. Such salary shall be paid in monthly installments and reviewed annually. Contributions to the Pastor's Pension Fund will be made by the Church. Contributions to the Pastor's Health Insurance Program will be made by the Church and the Pastor on terms agreeable to both. The Pastor will be furnished housing and all utilities will be paid by the Church. The total compensation package of the Pastor shall be mutually agreeable to both the Pastor and the Church Council. The Trustees shall negotiate a total benefit package for the Pastor including Compensation, Pension Fund, Health Insurance, Housing Allowance, and other matters as deemed appropriate.~~

Article 10 Church Staff Section 10.3 Financial Secretary

Add: d) The Financial Secretary shall report to the Treasurer in all financial matters.

Article 11 Cabinet Section 11.1

~~The Cabinet shall consist of the Church Council and the officers of the Church organizations.~~ The Cabinet shall consist of the following Church Council members (President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, (1) Deacon, (1) Elder and (1) Trustee and the Officers of the Church organizations and ministries. The purpose of the Cabinet is to coordinate and promote the entire program of the Church. It shall meet at least semi-annually and be subject to the call of the Church Council. The Cabinet shall make recommendations but not set policy for the Church.

Article 12 Ministries Section 12.1

The President of the Church Council shall appoint all Ministries necessary to the work of the Congregation. Following are the standing Ministries:

- Budget Ministry
- Christian Education Ministry
- ~~Evangelism Ministry - Drop~~
- Memorial / Endowment Ministry
- Resource Development Ministry
- Worship/Music Ministry - Add Music
- ~~Stewardship Ministry - Drop~~
- Building and Grounds Ministry
- ~~Music Ministry - Drop~~
- Financial Advisory Ministry
- Security and Safety Ministry - Add
- Health Ministry - Add

DROP: b) The Chairperson of a Ministry may be appointed for three consecutive terms, if they so desire, but limited to three (3) consecutive years.

Section B Duties of Church Council Section B.4 Deacons

c) One of the Deacons shall be a member of the Worship/Music Ministry.

PNC ENDOWMENT FUND

Beginning Value 01/01/2019	\$143,002.58
Deposits	\$11,060.00
Income	\$4,297.29
Fees & Expenses	\$2,222.91
Change in Investment	\$27,485.59
Ending Value 12/31/2019	\$183,622.55
% Gain / Loss	19.22%

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lectors and Ushers Needed for Sunday Morning Services

Scripture readers are needed to read during Sunday morning service. No previous experience is needed and training can be provided. Copies of all readings for lectors, based on the Good News 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.

Ushers are also needed at the 10:00 service. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to be an usher at least once a month. There is a sign-up board in the narthex where you can see what Sunday time and day will work best for you.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

"THANK YOU" to the January Merry Mailers: Sue Mrowka and Sandi Rose.

"THANK YOU" to Sue Mrowka, Marjie Barnard, Sandi Rose, Debbie Case, Toni Hill, Karen Hill, Barb Schultz and Kathy Williams for assembling the Annual Meeting packets and Ministry reports.

Rose on the Pulpit - celebrates the birth of Alfred Gish Nielsen, born Christmas Eve to Kevin and Lindsey Gish Nielsen. St. Paul Grandparents are Barbara Gish and Rodney Gish. Sibling is Simon.

Love and Deepest Sympathy to family & friends on the loss of Robert "Bob" Harry who passed away December 30, 2019 at the age of 81 years. Funeral service was Monday, January 6, 2020 at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas officiated. Arrangements by Querfeld Funeral Home, Dearborn, Michigan.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial Fund:

In Memory of: *Robert Harry* From: Ron & Carol Bock

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

In Memory of: *Mary Darty* From: Debbie Hamilton

Generational Endowment Fund:

In Memory of: *Robert Harry* From: Miles & Irene Church

Facility Improvement Fund:

In Memory of: *Carol Komyathy* From: Deb & Dan Case

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Members & Friends: Gunter Berndl, Stacey Black-Quantz, Betty Caufield, David Cowper, Charlie Duncan, Barbara Gish, Kyle Hard, Mary Hard, Doris Hilliker, Shirley Koths, Neil McEachern, Michael Natzke, Judy Nieman, Shirlen Powell, Diane Sturgeon, Brenda Tank, and Doreen Thompson.

Extended Family: Annalynn (friend, Debbie Case), Nikata Burris (cousin of Charlie Barnard), Mary Jane Fliss (sister-in-law, Arlene Wolfram), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Pam Holland (daughter, Viola Holland), Kevin & Steven Johnson (grandsons, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Alice Nagy (Beaumont, Taylor), Jeff Natzke (nephews Michael Natzke), Family of Norma Reid (friend, Denise Foley), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Nicholas Surre great-grandson, Helene McEachern, Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart), Carol Wiley (cousin, Cindy Romas), and Kaitlyn Williams (granddaughter, Tom & Kathy Williams).

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

Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:

Donald Babin - *Carolyn's Corner*, 17890 Parkridge Dr., Riverview, 48193; Mary Dubke - hospice - *Amy's Place*, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167; Terry Dyer - *Heartland Healthcare Center*, 9150 Allen Rd., Allen Park, 48101; Esther Perry - *Bellbrook Assisted Living*, 873 West Avon Rd., Unit 209 H, Rochester Hills, 48307; Eleanor Rossi - Beaumont Commons (Rehab), 16351 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn, 48120; *Maple Heights*, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, 48101; Melissa Rossi -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125; and Betty Steinhauer - *Rivergate Health Center*, 14141 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193

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