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April 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday April 2 - Palm Sunday Service and Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Friday April 7 - Good Friday Service - 12:00 p.m.

Friday April 7 - Last Drive Thru Fish Dinner - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday April 9 - Easter Sunday Service - 10:00 a.m.

Monday April 10 - Office Closed - Rummage sale set up begins - 9 a.m.

Tuesday April 11 - Rummage Sale drop off begins - 9 a.m.

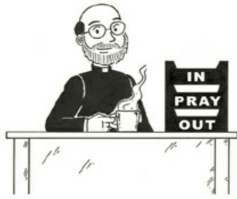
Sunday April 16 - Sunday Service and Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Sunday April 23 - Sunday Service and Sunday School - 10 a.m.

April 27 thru 29 - April Rummage Sale - Hrs. Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. &
Sat. 9 to 11 a.m.

Sunday April 30 - Sunday Service and Sunday School - 10 a.m.

PASTOR'S PEACE



Greetings:

We are entering into that special time of the church year when we experience a great transition from sorrow and death to joy and life.

We call it the Triduum or Three Days. Church days follow the biblical practice of beginning at sundown instead of at midnight so the Triduum starts with what we call the Last Supper and ends with the close of Easter Sunday.

Transitions are important and can be times of joy or times of sorrow. With this particular transition from the drama of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we anticipate with joy going to Easter Sunday. Other transitions in our lives are not so clear cut. Often our transitions are mixed emotionally. We may experience positive feelings and negative feelings at the same time. Graduating from high school is a great milestone but it also means leaving things behind that may be seen as a loss.

St. Paul UCC has come through one transition with the retirement of a long serving pastor and the coming of an interim. We are now anticipating another transition. Jesus serves as the model for us in our transitions. He deeply experienced the agony and sorrow of his betrayal, trial, and execution but it did so with a steadfast faith in God. He knew that God would go through the experience with him and that he would come out still in the presence of God on the other side. May we all reflect that same faith in the God who is with us in all the changes of our lives.

George Reed
Interim Senior Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

"Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God."

1 Peter 4:10

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior let us shout with proclamation the words to the Hymn, "To God be the Glory," written by Fanny Crosby. ***"To God be the glory; great thing He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His son."***

So complete is God's love for us that He sent Jesus to the earth so that all those who would believe in Him could have eternal life. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

As followers of Christ, we are called and commissioned to share God's love with others by dealing generously and lovingly with all God's children. Just as Christ served with compassion, empathy, grace and mercy, so should we. Reflecting His image, we should be Christ-like in conduct and attitude, speaking truth in love and serving without expectation.

When we share the love of Christ, we share a priceless gift. May we never grow tired of giving. Happy Easter to you and your family.

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

Christian Education Activities

Palm Sunday Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd the Sunday School will be hosting an Easter egg hunt and party during the church hour for all children attending Sunday School. The egg hunt will be held outdoors. In addition, children will be decorating cookies and coloring Easter eggs. There is also a rumor that the Easter Bunny will be hopping in for a visit! To register for the Easter Party and egg hunt please sign the sheet on the Christian Education Welcome Center desk or contact Pastor Schalm.

Lenten Book Study to be held March 13th – April 10th

A Bible & Book study on the book, "You Were Made for This Moment, Courage for Today and Hope for Tomorrow" by Max Lucado continues to be offered on Monday evenings. Anyone interested in participating should contact Pastor Schalm or the church office.

Meditation Monday's Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. - John 6:35

All post-high school young adults are invited and encouraged to join the Young Adult Bible Study group. Whether you have been a regular or are considering

coming for the first time, we welcome and look forward to your company and participation. Please contact Pastor Schalm for more information.

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.

Christian Education Seeks a Nursery Attendant

As we move forward with the hope and anticipation of reopening the nursery, Christian Education finds themselves in search of a nursery attendant.

Anyone interested in caring for our youngest treasures on Sunday morning during the worship hour should contact Pastor Schalm. The attendant receives \$20.00 per service and is paid once a month. The nursery is located in the church's family room located at the back of the sanctuary. The worship service can be viewed via the television located in the family room.

ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Palm/Passion Sunday April 2nd

At the regular worship time we will remember first, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid the palm waving throng and then we will hear the passion story told as a readers' theater. Palms will be distributed during the service. The children's Easter Egg hunt and party will take place during the Sunday School hour.

Maundy/Holy Thursday April 6th

On Thursday, 6 April we will gather at 7:30 in the sanctuary to celebrate Holy Communion in remembrance of the Last Supper Jesus ate with his disciples before his execution. On this night Jesus gave them a 'new commandment' that they should love one another.

Good Friday April 7th

On Friday, our service will be at Noon. This will be a quiet devotional time as we remember the words from the cross and sing a few passion hymns. We will enter and leave the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Sunday April 9th

Join your church friends and bring your neighbors too, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on April 9th. There will be lilies adorning the chancel and sanctuary along with the wooden cross. Holy communion will be offered and songs will be sung to celebrate the resurrection. After the service concludes a special brunch will be served in the fellowship hall hosted by the worship planning committee with the assistance of members of the choir.

Spring Rummage Sale Happening in April

The annual St. Paul Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 27 thru 29 just two weeks after Easter. The spring Rummage Sale set-up will start right after Easter on Monday April 10th in both the fellowship hall and west room. Donations will be welcomed beginning Tuesday, April 11th. Donations can be dropped off

Monday thru Friday from 9 until 2. The last day for drop off will be April 25th at noon. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Tables will be set up across Fellowship Hall with signs indicating where particular items should be deposited there. Household items such as kitchenware and small appliances can be taken straight to the west room and put on the tables there. Your cooperation is appreciated and will help with final sorting and displaying of clothing and household goods. **All donated items should be clean and in a good state of condition and repair for resale.**

Set-up volunteers are needed Monday April 10 to set up tables and racks and then beginning Tuesday April 11th the sorting of the donations will begin. Because of the shorter time between when we start collecting and the actual rummage sale, the more volunteers we have the quicker we can be ready. Further assistance will be needed on Saturday April 29th for clean up. Please contact the church office (313-291-1221) or speak with Trustee Toni Hill to volunteer.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sewing Guild - Sew 'n Sews

This is a little advance notice to our members and anyone else who would like to join us. Our next meeting will be May 18 at 10 a.m. in the West Room. Sewing skills are not necessary. Even if you don't sew, you are welcome to stop by to see what we do.

2023 Youth Flower Sale

Once again the youth will be holding their annual flower sale. The flowers will be coming from Blocks Stand and Greenhouse. If you would like to order flowers, please see an usher to pick up an order form. Pick up date for the flowers will be on Mother's Day May 14th after the worship service. All order forms must be turned in **NO LATER THAN MAY 1st.** Any questions please see Candace Poet.

Burial Plots for Sale

The St. Paul Memorial Ministry has four plots available for immediate purchase. The plots are located at Michigan Memorial Park in Huron Township. The four plots are all together and located in Section 22 "Garden of Apostles" with a retail value of \$1,825 per grave, the asking price is only \$1,000 per grave. Once purchased the graves may also be used as partial payment (full retail value) for purchase of a spot in their above ground burial sites or their indoor and outdoor cremation niches as well. You have many options available to you. Please contact any member of the Memorial Ministry if you are interested.

St. Paul Email System is designed to keep you informed

Communication with you, our members and friends is very important to us at St. Paul, one method we use to keep members informed about upcoming and current activities is our email system. More than 260 of our members currently receive a short email about current activities, future events, funeral notifications, and many other interesting items including the monthly St. Paul Tidings.

If you are not currently registered for the e-mail system or your email address has changed, all you need to do is visit the homepage of our website, "stpaulucctaylor.org", and simply click on the "Join Our Email List" button. If you have any questions or comments on the e-mail system, you can contact any member of the IT ministry, Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Church Safety and Security – Emergency Response Team Members

Ensuring the safety of our membership is one of the most important goals of the Safety and Security Ministry. The ministry is looking for interested people who would like to serve on the Emergency Response Team (ERT) for the Church, currently there are 11 people who have volunteered to be on the team, we are looking for about 20-25 people to serve on this important ministry. Roles and responsibilities of an ERT member include: Building evacuations (fire, tornados, electrical outages, etc.), attending semi-annual training, being familiar with all aspects of the buildings, evaluate and eliminate all safety hazards in the building and attend quarterly meetings. If you are interested in serving on the St. Paul Emergency Response Team, please contact Dan Case or any member of the Safety and Security Ministry.

Parsonage gets a Renovation

It took several weeks and a lot of manpower to complete the task of getting the parsonage ready for our interim Pastor to move in and for the future Senior Pastor and their family.

Here are just some of the tasks completed. Walls were washed and painted on the first and second floor. In the basement the walls had to be scrapped of the old paint and then it was repainted with Dry-lock paint. The old carpeting was removed and replaced in the living room, dining room, den, breezeway and one bedroom. The foyer off the west side received new tile flooring as well as the landing and stairs into the main floor and the stairs and landing going up to the second floor. Thirteen light fixtures were replaced, as well as quite a few electrical outlets and some of the light switches. Both bathrooms had new sinks, faucets and cabinets purchased and installed. In the main bathroom a handicap handrail was installed, shower head repaired and caulked along with caulking around the bathtub faucet and spout. Installed new curtains, curtain rods and blinds that were donated. In the kitchen a new stove was purchased and installed, a new cabinet was installed that was made and donated by two of our members to fill the space created because the new stove is smaller. A dishwasher was donated that was cleaned and made sure to be in good running condition. All the cupboards throughout the house were cleaned. Sump pump had to be replaced in the basement. A complete list of what was done can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Funding for the parsonage is coming from the remaining PPP money the Church received during COVID.

Pastors Office is Getting a New Look

Once the parsonage was complete it was time to move on to the pastor's office. Wallpaper was stripped off the walls, ceiling was removed (it was falling in), carpeting removed and the closet was dismantled. Once the removal was complete the task of the new renovation began. The walls were washed to remove the wallpaper paste, then all of the walls had to be repaired of cracks and holes. One wall had some major repairs because there had been a leak in the upstairs bathroom and it caused damage that was not visible because of the wallpaper. The west wall needed to be insulated and new drywall installed. Once the walls were repaired and sanded they received a coat of primer and then the finish coat

of paint was done. In the bathroom the old sink and faucet was removed and a new one installed with all new plumbing. The walls and ceiling were painted and a new tile floor was installed. A new light fixture was also installed. The next task that is currently being done is the installation of a new ceiling. Once that is complete it will be time to install underlayment and new carpeting. Funding for the Office renovation is being paid for by a Memorial Donation from Arlene and Frank Wolfram, a plaque will be placed on the wall in the office as a Memorial.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Health Ministry needs You to Continue its Mission

Anyone interested in being a part of the Health Ministries Program are asked to contact the church office or Kathy Williams. There will be a list of items/jobs where help is needed in the office and on the Health Ministries bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Some are as follows:

Mailings:

- 'Our Daily Bread' send to those that cannot come to church quarterly
- Grief Materials Initial book -Good Grief, Series of 4 booklets in first year, then one card 1st year anniversary.

Group Leadership:

- Blood Drive Coordinator 2x yearly
- CPR/FA classes 1-4 yearly/by-yearly. Trainer updates Member certification sessions take 7-9 hours. CPR/FA classes 1-4 yearly/by-yearly
- Coordinating/assisting with Coffee Hour for Health Ministries

Other:

- Phone calls and/or visitation to members unable to come to church
- Bring someone who needs a ride to church
- Help in getting set up to watch the service on-line
- Become a visiting elder
- Coordinating and updating the visiting elder list
- Calls members who don't have email – call list regarding death of a member

Exercise Class Wednesday's

Join other church members on Wednesday's from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. for our weekly exercise class led by our outstanding instructor Delissa. She will lead you through a variety of exercises each week. All exercises can be done in a seated position with the use of a chair, a standing position or a combination of both. Can't make it to class, but want to join us from home? Join us on ZOOM. You must be able to access the internet by computer, I-pad, or phone with video availability. You do not have to have to show on camera during class, but you will need to be able to see the instructor. You can also find the zoom link on our St Paul website under 'What's Happening' Health Activities. If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact the church office or Kathy Williams. A small donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested, but not expected for each class you attend.

Our Daily Bread Devotional Availability

Daily Bread magazine is still available for pick from the Deacon or an usher on Sundays as well as through the church office. These can also be mailed to you if you wish. For a mailed copy just give Cindy Romas a call in the office Monday - Friday and she will be sure one is mailed to you.

JOYS AND CONCERN

Thank you February Merry Mailers: Helen St. Louis, Justine Kimbler, Sharon Podpora, Sue Mrowka, and Tracy Hoffman.

Thank you March Merry Mailers: Sandi Rose, Helen St. Louis, and Barb Schultz.

A Thank You to Pat Staffeld for donating all of the brownies for our drive-thru Fish Dinners.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following people for helping serve and prepare for our drive-thru dinners: Sue Mrowka, Sandi Rose, Toni Hill, Karen Hill, Tim Ruffner, Barb Schultz, Rev. Reed, Jim Poet, Diane Poet, Candace Poet, Eric Poet, Gary Staffeld, Ed Brainard, Silver MacZink, Jeff MacZink, Sharon Podpora, Sandy Ennis, Mark Ennis, Debbie Case, Dan Case, Vicki Grant, Elizabeth Isaacs, Dee Salsbury, and Gene Kincaid. Tim Ruffner is also helping out as our traffic control guy outside.

SOUPER BOWL 2023

Winner Winner SOUP for dinner!

BEST SOUP: Dee Salsbury – Cheeseburger

MOST ORIGINAL: Sheri Herkimer – Spinach Artichoke

We had 21 soups through the contributions of 5 businesses and 16 church members. The businesses represented were Pete's Place, Hollywood Snack Shack, Farmer's Café, Loaf and a Pound, and Secret Recipes. Thanks to your support and coming out to enjoy all the soups and the meet and greet with Rev. Reed, this year we raised \$696.00 towards our building maintenance fund. Thanks to Shawn Block, Farmer's Café, Marsha & Stacy Gibson, Vicki Grant, Sheri Herkimer, Karen Hill, Toni Hill, Hollywood Snack Shack, Ruth Kenosian, Pam Lange, Loaf & A Pound, Pete's Place, Candace Poet, Diane Poet, Thelma Poet, Tim Ruffner, Dee Salsbury, Cheryl Schalm, Secret Recipes, Terri Staffeld, and Peggy Staten.

Thanks to all cooks and helpers,

Jim Poet
Soup Master
Jim Poet

Condolences: to the family and friends of **Anna L. Anderson**, who passed away February 27, 2023, at the age of 90 years. Funeral was March 4, 2023. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City Chapel. Rev. George Reed officiated; to the family and friends of **Joan Rensel**, who passed away March 6, 2023, at the age of 85 years. Funeral service was private; to the family and friends of **Janice Schuman**, who passed away March 8, 2023, at the age of 87 years. Visitation is at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 W. Huron River Drive, Flat Rock March 31, 2023, 4 - 8 p.m. Funeral service is at the funeral home April 1, 2023, 10 a.m.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Church Members and Friends: Bernard Baca, Kim Beyar, Margo Charette, John Dubke, Dorothy Evison, Hayden Forsyth, Barb Gish, Kyle Hard, Carrie Hill, Aaron Johnson, Wayne Jones, Judy Kirsch, Rev. Norm Kirsch, Sheila Klimek, Neil McEachern, Jeff MacZink, Michelle Mellin, Jeff Natzke, Liam Rischel, Bob Robinson, Shirley Robinson, Eleanor Rossi, Jerry Rossi, Gabriel Siadak, Barbara Siemers, Sally Sigman, Beverly Sitz, Sue Spears, Sandi Rose, Joan Smarr, Dianne Sturgeon, Linda Tank, Bert Thompson, Lorelee Wilson, and Shelly Wilson.

Extended Family: Philip and Connie Linne Alberts, Dawn Sturgeon Anderson, Susan Barnard (sister-in-law of Charlie Barnard), Rhonda Wioncek Berndt, Mary Board (daughter, Clifford Board), Ted Butkin, Lynn Case, Kim Cichowicz, Karen Collett, Courtney Daoust, Josh Edelbrock, Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Donna Greca (friend, Peggy Staten), Raymond Harmon, Kevin & Steven Johnson (grandsons, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Jeff Kasher, Bob Kittendorf (brother, Kevin Kittendorf), Tom Koths, Janet Kren, Joyce LaBlanc (friend, Peggy Staten), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney McEachern Matthews, Kim McEachern (daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Sue Milatz, Debi Petri, Jerry Picard (brother, Doreen Thompson), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Jerry Rossi, Tammi Sherman, Kevin Siemers, Mary & Darrell Smith, Debbie Smitt, Randy Snelson (brother, Robbie Snelson), Debra Stavros, Denise St.Louis (sister-in-law of Marjie Barnard) Brenda Stockwell, Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Sharon Thompson, Bill Warner, Robin Weiner and Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

Congregations' Parents: Ronald & Myrna Matthews (parents, Brenda Rossi), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother, Julia-Joy Miller), Vicki Simon (mother, Michael Isaacs), and Bruce and Pat Vernor (parents, Eileen Vernor Drutchas).

Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:

Loretta Kurtzel- The Bellaire Senior Living, 12621 Hale Street, Riverview, 48193; *Esther Perry* - Bellbrook Assisted Living, 873 West Avon Rd., Unit 209 H, Rochester Hills, 48307; Sally Sigman - Belle Fountain, 18591 Quarry Rd., Riverview, 48193; 734.282.2100; *Eleanor Rossi* - Lakeland Nursing Center, 500 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703, *Melissa Rossi* -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125.

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