

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

January 5, 2020 ~ Epiphany Sunday

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Procession of the Symbols of Worship and the Elements of Communion

Focus Moment ~ Hymn Writer: Thomas H. Troeger

Call to Worship (from Psalm 147) ~ *responsive* ~ Steve Boyak, liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Men: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Women: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

All: make melody to our God on the lyre.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Hymn** ~ "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

***Psalm Prayer** ~ *in unison*

We worship you, O God, builder, healer, counter of stars. We sing praise to you, O God, provider, delighter, protector of your people. You give us life and joy through your Son. By the power of your Spirit may we never stop rejoicing in you. Amen.

***Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with signs of peace.*

Children's Message ~ *All children are invited. At the conclusion, children ages 3 and above have the option to participate in supervised Sunday School.*

Response ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.

Breathing Prayer

Anthem ~ "Glory to You in the Highest" (J. Myrin & M. Redman) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Gospel ~ Luke 2:8-14 ~ p. 58 N.T.

Finding our Heart's Song: #1

Message ~ "Giving God Glory!"

***Hymn** ~ "As a Chalice Cast of Gold"

Commitment of Tithes and Offerings ~ *If you are seated on the center aisle, please sign the friendship pad, include your email address, and pass it down the pew so that all have the opportunity to sign and learn the names of others.*

Offertory

***Doxology** ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

God's Love Demonstrated in Bread and Cup

Note: round communion wafers that are gluten free, wheat free, corn free, soy free, and dairy free are available on the serving tray.

Prayer

***Hymn** ~ "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Upcoming calendar dates to note:

Sunday, January 12 - Ordination, Installation, and Recognition of Officers and Trustees

Sunday, January 19 - ROMANS 12:4

Monday, January 20 - Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ALL Annual Reports are due NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 21!!!

Sunday, February 2 - Annual Meeting of the Congregation



Results of the election at the congregational meeting on December 1 who will be ordained, installed, and recognized on January 12:

Ruling Elders- Class of 2022: Chery Nicholas, Suzanne Tabaka, Jeff Velis

Ruling Elder - Class of 2021: Mike Graham

Ruling Elder - Class of 2020: Jan Lapenta

Deacons - Class of 2022: Gary Pritchard and Mike Weber. One vacancy to be filled.

Deacon - Class of 2020: Karen Bright

Trustees - Class of 2022: Cameron Barsy, Allen Nicholas, Steve Smith

Foundation Trustee - Class of 2024: Rich Sherby



Our next **ROMANS** event will take place Sunday, January 19th following worship. We will be making necklaces to donate to the Deacons for BINGO prizes. This was a creative time of fellowship and service last year. The necklaces were so popular last year that the residents have been clamoring for more! We need lots of hands for this sit down, simple craft project! **Please mark your calendar, plan to join us, and sign up in the lobby!**

Adult Sunday Forums: The *Christian Century* class meets on Sundays at 9:00AM in room 9. Please consider stopping in to this engaging and relevant class addressing the church and our role in the world today. The class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name.

Prayer Gatherings to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take place at 6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings (generally on the first Tuesday of each month). (**NOTE:** No gatherings on the third Tuesday). **All** are encouraged to attend, especially anyone who is coming to meetings that night. We are praying through the directory as well as accepting prayer requests which can be left in Kathy Potter's mailbox or emailed to christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church. If you are unable to attend, consider setting aside this or another time to pray for your church family and ministries. **"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20.**



CARES of Farmington Hills has been selected by the Faith Formation Committee to be the recipient of our **2019 Giving Tree** collection! CARES of Farmington Hills serves Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford and other surrounding communities in a variety of ways. Their food and clothing pantry are open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. They offer, but do not receive funding for **toiletry items** and so are usually very short on these items. We are now collecting the following: **soap, shampoo, conditioner, baby shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, feminine sanitary supplies, small hand sanitizers, small boxes of band-aids**, etc. Please consider making a donation. We will be accepting items **through TODAY!!** Your generosity will bring a bit of **JOY** to someone in need and, most likely to **you**, too!



The **Pulpit Nominating Committee** thanks you for your patience and prayers as we seek to find St. Paul's next pastor. As this is a **confidential process**, **we ask that you respect our privacy as the committee works through the process.** We understand you are anxious, however, we seek to maintain the integrity of this search. We will provide details once they are available to be shared with everyone. Thank you again for your patience.



St. Paul's Policy: If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a weather-related reason, St. Paul's is closed and **ALL meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. NO exceptions.** Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools website.



St. Paul's participates in the "2 cents per meal" Presbyterian Hunger Program. Each time we have a community meal, banks are placed on the tables and all are encouraged to contribute. The money collected supports local hunger programs, including our own Food Pantry. If you would like to participate at home, please pick up a bank in the office.

This is an ongoing ministry, so if you fill a bank, you are always welcome to start a new one!

St. Paul's Per Capita assessment obligation for 2020 is \$5,101.85 which translates to approximately \$32.00 per member listed on the official roll. Requesting each member to voluntarily donate their portion of this assessment lessens the impact on the General Fund. An envelope was included in your January packet. The envelope also lists a voluntary opportunity to donate the same amount to our Shared Mission obligation. Thank you!

 * From the Board of Deacons: *
 * Chancel Flowers and *
 * Food Baskets *
 * Envelopes for ordering are in the office. *
 * Payment of \$20.00 is required at the time *
 * the order is placed. *
 * The flower chart in the lobby is *
 * available to reference availability only. *
 * Please DO NOT write on the chart, *
 * but check for available dates *
 * BEFORE ordering. *
 * Flowers may be placed from February 9 *
 * through November 22, 2020 *
 * Food Baskets may be *
 * designated for any Sunday. *
 * Donations for food baskets support the *
 * outreach ministries of the Deacons. *



BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY
 Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Each bag contains: a roll of paper towels, a large roll of toilet tissue, 1 large or 2 small cans of tuna, 1 can of meat (SPAM, etc.), 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 box of gelatin, 1 package of pasta, 1 can of pasta sauce, 1 can of pasta (ravioli, etc.), 1 package of a side dish (potatoes, rice dishes, tuna helper, etc.), 1 sleeve of crackers (saltines or graham), 1 box of cereal, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam, and sample sized toiletries.

Here are some things we need, please:



SEALED WRAPPED plastic ware to donate to Crossroads Soup Kitchen. A collection box is in the office.

SWIVEL-STYLE PLASTIC HANGERS for the dresses. Please place in the **smallest** lobby shopping cart.



NEWSPAPER - just the printed pages - no inserts - for the community garden project. A box is under the lobby sign-up table.



Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

December 29, 2019
General Fund: \$7,181.90

Building Improvement Fund: \$1,535.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
DTE—November: \$925.52

2020 Pledge update as of December 31, 2019

General Fund
49 pledging units: \$137,437.00

Building Improvement Fund
27 pledging units: \$32,114.00



THE WEEKLY OFFICE SCHEDULE IS:

Monday - Work day for Pastor Paul and Wanda IN THE OFFICE.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday -
Regular Office hours - 9:00AM - 5:00PM.**

**Tuesday and Thursday Evening
Office hours - 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

Friday-Closed.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Bill Dust
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie
Frank & Nancy Saunders, Janet Pridgeon
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth
Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz
Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak
Dorothy Farquhar ~ aunt of Eric
Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet
Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris
Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben
Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison
Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis
Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Calendar for January 5 - January 12, 2020

Sunday, January 5

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

Soup Luncheon and Hymnal Preparation
following the serviceSocial Hall

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

Decorations come down

5:30PM PNC.....

6:30PM Prayer Gathering.....Parlor

6:45PM Trustees.....Genesis Lobby

7:00PM Faith Formation.....11

7:30PM Mission/Outreach.....16

7:30PM Administration.....9

7:30PM NA.....J/K

Wednesday, January 8

Thursday, January 9

4:00PM Worship Committee.....16

6:00PM Ringers Rehearsal.....F

6:30PM Singers Rehearsal.....F

7:30PM NA.....J/K

7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

6:00PM Deacons Dinner.....Genesis Hall

Sunday, January 12

Ordination and Installation of Officers

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary



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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church...
feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.

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