

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

February 16, 2020 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ "Softly and Tenderly" (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Theme ~ Finding our Heart Song. Mary Louise Bringle, Brevard College, North Carolina

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) ~ *responsive* ~ Mike Weber, liturgist

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All: Chorus: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Repeat)

Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

All: Chorus: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Repeat)

Leader: O, that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

All: Chorus: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Repeat)

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

***Hymn #79** ~ "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

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

Holy God, your ways are just and your commandments are true.

Help us to understand your law and when understanding fails

inspire us to follow you in joyful obedience,

so that we may faithfully serve you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "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. (repeat once)

Hebrew Scripture ~ Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ~ p. 186 O.T.

Anthem ~ "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" (C. Hutchinson, G. Civilla, D. Martin) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Gospel ~ Matthew 5:21-26 ~ as translated in Speaking Jesus by David Buttrick

Gospel ~ Matthew 5:27-30 ~ as translated in Speaking Jesus by David Buttrick

Message ~ "Finding a Heart Song: Old Timers Excuses and Jesus' New Way"

***Hymn #751** ~ *“From the Nets of Our Labors”*

Ordination and Installation of William VanEck as Deacon

Presentation and Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Leader: Will we who witness this promise of service do all in our power to support Bill as he leads us?

***Affirmation of our Common Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed** (traditional) ~ p. 35

Welcome to Shared Ministry

Hymn #751 ~ *“From the Nets of Our Labors”* ~ verse 1

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 ~ *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot / I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”* (arr. McDonald)

***Doxology** ~ *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***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.

***Hymn #808** ~ *“When Memory Fades”*

***Benediction**


***Postlude** ~ *“This is My Song”* (arr. Hayes)

Glory to God hymn preference on Sunday, February 9:

#458 - “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

The flowers are presented today by...

**The Livonia Community Theatre in honor of the love and care shown by
all of their workers**


 A Dress sale from 1:00PM-3:00PM will precede the concert to benefit the Livonia Community Theatre...
"Crazy, Crazy, Love!"
TODAY at 3:00PM in the Social Hall
 All tickets: \$15.00



If you are interested in working with Pastor Jo on the Community Garden, please meet with her in the Parlor after worship today.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 26 at 7:00PM

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154



All are invited!!

"Miniature Motors Demolition Derby!"
 Sunday, March 1 at 3:00PM
 Pizza and beverages will be provided!
 Please sign up!!

**You are invited to Explore Matthew 7 Together
Lent 2020**

**Wednesday Soup Suppers
March 4-April 1 - 6:00PM-7:30PM**

Each Wednesday we will gather for soup and conversation. This year we will include communion around tables in Genesis Hall. Short vignettes are being chosen to stir conversations as we explore Jesus' words towards the end of the Sermon on the Mount.

March 4: Matthew 7:7-8. Video - "Escalator"

March 11: Matthew 7:1-2. Video - "Signs of Forgiveness"

March 18: Matthew 7:15-17. Video - "A Moment in Time"

March 25: Matthew 7:13-14. Video - "Stories Behind the Face"

April 1: Matthew 7:21. Video - "Forgiveness Bridge"

Please sign up.

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.

"A Journey Through Lent" will be the video study at 9:00AM on Sundays through the season of Lent. Join us in room 11 for viewing and discussion beginning February 23 through April 5. Each week will focus on a Psalm with the emphasis changing: A Prayer of Confession, of Seeking, of Thirst, of Rest, for the World, for the King and for Security. Mark this season with us.

Prayer Gatherings to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take place at **6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.** 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.



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.

From Pam Phillips... **A HUGE THANK YOU SHOUT OUT** to everyone who has done a herculean job helping with the dress room and unbelievable sales! Thank you, Ric, Allen, and Jim for taking down old bulletin boards, vacuuming, organizing shelves and the sales table, and replacing lights– you almost need sunglasses now! Thank you Jan, Georgia, and Charlotte for helping move racks and for organizing (and reorganizing) the dresses. Thank you, Charlotte for coming in all those nights and meeting YOUR goal of selling \$100 each time! Thank you Sandi and Jan for pitching in to help make more great sales. You all have kept the main purpose alive-making young and adult ladies so happy!! There is more to be done, especially with prom just around the corner. If you would like to help, please give me a call or send an email. 734.634.2445 or pamphillip@sbcglobal.net.



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. 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!

Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care will meet on March 9 at 6:15PM at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.



Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh will address Developments in Child Welfare from the Michigan Supreme Court's perspective.

Arielle Duncan will share her musical talent.

Donations to be gathered: New and gently used suitcases, new children's underwear, twin XL bed linens, personal care items for aging out students at Wayne State.

Questions? Sheila Henderson - rjsah@sbcglobal.net
Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak - pfk75@hotmail.com

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!



OOPS! We miscalculated! So... we have ordered 30 more **Glory to God** hymnals! If you missed the previous opportunity to donate, now is your chance! \$20.00 per hymnal! Order forms are in the office.

 * 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 on available *
 * dates 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!
Current needs: canned green beans, canned corn, canned pasta!
 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.
 Thank you for your ongoing support!!

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 AND CLIP STYLE SKIRT HANGERS for the dresses. Please place in the **smallest** lobby shopping cart in the lobby.
NEWSPAPER - just the printed pages - **NO** colored pages or inserts, **PLEASE!** - for the community garden project. A basket is under the lobby sign-up table.



Please stop by the display board just past the office to see the latest creative display from Kathy VanEck!
 Thanks, Kathy!

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

February 9, 2020
General Fund: \$3,171.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$435.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
Employee Payroll for January: \$8,270.45

2020 Pledge update as of February 9, 2020

General Fund
53 pledging units: \$145,837.00

Building Improvement Fund
30 pledging units: \$33,674.00



In memory of...

Eli Nicholas
February 7, 2020

Father of Allen (Chery)



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

Sheldon Davis, 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
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak
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.

Ladies... there is a necklace in the office with a magnetic clasp and it is looking for its owner! Found in the sanctuary during the worship service a few Sundays ago.

Calendar for February 16 - February 23, 2020

Sunday, February 16

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

9:00AM *Psalms*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....**Sanctuary**

Community Garden Meeting in the Parlor
following worship

1:00PM-3:00PM Dress Sale

3:00PM "*Crazy, Crazy Love!*".....Social Hall

Monday, February 17

Presbytery Group Meetings

Tuesday, February 18

5:30PM PNC.....

6:00PM Production Ministry.....7

6:30PM SOLAR Meeting.....11

7:00PM Council.....16

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

Wednesday, February 19

Thursday, February 20

9:30AM Bridge.....Genesis Lobby

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

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

6:45PM Girl Scouts.....Social Hall

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

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

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

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

9:00AM *A Journey Through Lent*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....**Sanctuary**

Reminder!

PLEASE check our website:
www.stpaulspresbyterian.church for
current St. Paul's information, now
including the weekly bulletin!

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): www.pcusa.org

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

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