

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

March 15, 2020 ~ The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ "Be Thou My Vision" ~ Kana Emmett-Hardey

Call to Worship (from Psalm 95) ~ *responsive*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Men: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Women: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**All: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

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

***Hymn #440** ~ "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (used in the series *The Crown*)

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

**Holy God - Father, Son, and Spirit,
it is too easy for your people to talk about you without worshiping you,
to worship you without obeying you, and to obey you without joy.
Infuse us with such passion for you that our words become worship,
our desires become obedience,
and our lives reveal the joy that can be found only in you. Amen.**

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

fist bumps, air hugs, big smiles!

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)

Gospel ~ John 4:4-15 in dialogue as translated in The Complete Gospels by Robert E. Miller

Hymn #726 ~ "Will You Come and Follow Me" ~ verses 1 and 2

Gospel ~ John 4:16-26 ~ in dialogue

Hymn #726 ~ “Will You Come and Follow Me” ~ verses 3 and 4

Gospel ~ John 4:27-41 ~ in dialogue

Hymn #726 ~ “Will You Come and Follow Me” ~ verse 5

Art work by Christine Piastowski

Message ~ The Rev. Joanne Morgan

***Hymn #479** ~ “Ho, All Who Thirst”

Community at Prayer

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 ~ “Change My Heart, O God” (E. Espinosa/arr. J. Raney) ~ St. Paul’s Singers

***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.

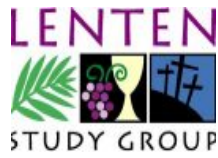
***Hymn #161** ~ “Woman in the Night”

***Benediction**

***Postlude** ~ “Rakes of Mallow”

The flowers are presented today by...

†Jan Burgess in remembrance of the birthday of her husband, Lloyd



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

**Wednesday Soup Suppers
Through 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 have been chosen to stir conversations as we explore Jesus' words towards the end of the Sermon on the Mount.

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 EACH week!!!

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• **Moving With The Spirit** resumed on Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00PM –5:00PM and
• will continue through April 14. **Please note the new day and time!** Balance
• stretches using therapy balls and floor exercises will follow from 5:00PM-5:30PM.
• This is a class to soothe the body, mind, and soul. It combines centering exercise,
• gentle movement, guided imagery, and breathing prayers to enhance our own spir-
• ituality and relationship with God, all while sharing fellowship and the joy of God.
• Registration forms are on the lobby table. \$30.00 registration fee, with checks
• payable to St. Paul's. Questions?
• Please contact Karen Barys at 734.729.0688 or dancinklmb@comcast.net.
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Toothpaste for Crossroads! The Crossroads March "Ask of the Month" is **Toothpaste**. St. Paul's will collect toothpaste the entire month of March and deliver it to Crossroads for their outreach programs. A collection box is available in the lobby. Thank you for supporting Crossroads of Michigan!

"A Journey Through Lent" is the video study at 9:00AM on Sundays through the season of Lent. Join us in room 11 for viewing and discussion 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.

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 Prayer Gathering to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership takes 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.

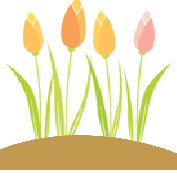
Thank You

From Sheldon Davis... *"To St. Paul's Members and families, The church is just not an institution or a mere social club; it is where we are brought to God! 'The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched-they must be felt with the heart.' Helen Keller (1880-1968).*

Marion and I felt all your prayers in our hearts. Thank you for the cards, best wishes, and a special 'thanks' to Joanne for the wonderful prayer shawl. Blessings to all."

IMPORTANT

If we have not yet received your donation for the annual **St. Paul's Per Capita** obligation for 2020, **PLEASE** send it as soon as possible. St. Paul's assessment is **\$5,101.85** which translates to **\$32.00 per member** listed on the official roll. Requesting the membership to donate their portion lessens the impact on the General Fund. **Thank you!! And a special thanks to those of you who have already participated!!**



Orders for Easter tulips may be placed in the office. Each plant is \$10.00 - Cash or check payable to the Board of Deacons. **The deadline for ordering is March 29!!** Donors will be acknowledged on Easter Sunday, April 12. All plants MUST be picked up after the service on April 12 as the church will be closed for Easter Break on Monday, April 13.



for your expressions of sympathy upon the passing of Eli Nicholas, Allen's dad. Thank you for all the loving, caring support this past year. We are truly blessed.

The family of Eli Nicholas



The Mission team thanks the 6 volunteers who spent the morning at World Medical Relief on Tuesday, March 10. The group sorted medical supplies for distribution to Third World Countries.




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!



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.

 * 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. *
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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.

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

March 8, 2020
General Fund: \$2,294.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$200.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
Consumers Energy-1 month: \$2,538.51

2020 Stewardship Pledges:

General Fund
53 pledging units: \$145,837.00

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



In memory of...

William Dust
March 10, 2020

Services were held on
Saturday, March 14



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
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 a worship service.

Calendar for March 15 - March 22, 2020

Sunday, March 15

The second Sunday in Lent

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

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

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

4:00PM Moving With the Spirit.....Parlor

5:00PM Nominations.....7

5:30PM PNC.....9

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

7:00PM Council.....16

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

Wednesday, March 18

6:00PM Lenten Series.....Genesis Hall

Thursday, March 19

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, March 20

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

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

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

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

3:00PM Potter Event.....Genesis Hall

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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