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St. Paul's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rochester, Michigan

September 2019



## Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul's! I'm happy that you've picked up the latest copy of our newsletter, the Evangel. Inside you'll see how we're guided by our vision: leading people to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. This vision comes alive in us as we worship, grow, serve, give, and share. These are the ways that we live as disciples and nurture our souls. St. Paul's is committed to helping every person grow as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, and I invite you to join us on this most amazing, life-changing journey.

We begin our fall worship and ministry schedules on Sunday, September 8. Join us for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, Christian education for all ages, and lots of other great opportunities to grow in our faith. September is also the time to begin signing up for our fall study, **A Disciple's Path**, using Rev. Jim Harnish's great book and dvd. This will be an exciting opportunity to be part of a meaningful short-term small group. I highly recommend it!

We've had a great summer sowing seeds of faith and new life, and I look forward to seeing all that God has in store for us this fall as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world!

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. David Eardley*



**Sunday  
August 25**  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Outdoor Festival 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Invite family and friends to celebrate summer!

- Summer Potluck Picnic • Motor City Irish Dancers
- Petting zoo • Live music • Photo booth
- Face Painting • Rochester Police
- Rochester Fire Department with water truck
- Kid's: Bring your bathing suits and towel for water fun.

Contact the church office at 248-651-9361 or Marilyn Kress at [marilyn.kress@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.kress@gmail.com) with questions.

## Transition to Fall

**Sunday, September 1**

10 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

10 a.m. Open Door in Hickey Hall

**Sunday, September 8 Fall Schedule Resumes**

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

11 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

11 a.m. Open Door in Hickey Hall

Sunday school & youth programming resume

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Pizza with the Pastors

**Sunday, September 29; 12 p.m. in the Parlor**

If you have attended one service or you are a returning guest, we invite you to join us for a quick and informal lunch where you'll have an opportunity to meet our pastors. We want to get to know you! Reservations are not necessary. We'll bring the pizza and the pastors. We really hope you'll join us!



### St. Paul's 101: What is St. Paul's All About?

**Sunday, September 29; 1 - 2 p.m. in the Parlor**



Are you new to St. Paul's? **Let us help you get connected.** Learn about small groups, visit with the pastors, tour the building and learn more about the United Methodist Church. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in Hickey Hall or call the church office at 248-651-9361.

We welcome those who choose to become members of St. Paul's at the service of their choice on **Sunday, October 6.**



## For Your Safety:

**Safety Training  
for Educators**  
Sunday,  
September 15  
10 a.m.; Room 124

**Safety Training  
for Ushers, Greeters  
& Ambassadors**  
Tuesday, September 17  
7 p.m. in the Parlor

The Trustees adopted an Emergency Action Plan in September 2018. It has been in use since that time and we have enjoyed a safe environment at St. Paul's. The plan calls for annual training for our office staff, ushers, greeters, and educators.

### Please Note:

- The main office door will remain open during business hours.
- All other doors will be locked and opened for scheduled programming.
- Please enter through the office door and stop by the main office to inform us of your presence.



## Music Ministry #wegotthebeat

Music is the heart of St. Paul's. Our music groups are all very welcoming small groups. New members are welcome without audition!



## Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, starts September 4  
7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Choir Room  
Sings at the 11 a.m. worship service September through June and performs major works with orchestra periodically.

## Praise Team

Thursdays, year round  
6 - 8 p.m. in Sanctuary  
Vocalists and instrumentalists lead music at the 9 a.m. worship service and other services as needed. Weekly commitment is not required.

## Wesley Ringers

Thursdays, starts September 5  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Bell Room  
This handbell choir plays the third Sunday of the month in both services, September through May.

## Epworth Choir

Wednesdays, starts September 4  
7 - 8 p.m. in Room 128-129  
Provides music for our 9 a.m. worship service September through May. Open to those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through adult.

## Open Door Band

Saturdays, year round  
10 a.m. in Hickey Hall  
A ragamuffin group of artists and technicians of all ages and walks of life. This band leads worship for the Open Door service Sundays at 11 a.m. in Hickey Hall.

## St. Paul's Brass

Mondays, starts August 26  
7 p.m. in Balcony  
Rehearses and plays periodically.



## Greater Detroit District Conference

Saturday, September 21  
8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

St. Paul's will host this year's District Conference. Be here as our friends from across the district will be gathering for worship, conferencing, and learning. You can register online at the district website [gdd.michiganumc.info](http://gdd.michiganumc.info).

If you're interested in being a volunteer, please contact the church office at 248-651-9361.



## Food Drive for RANH

Bags Distributed  
Sunday, August 25

The red cloth grocery bags will be distributed with a shopping list of non-perishable food items for Rochester Area Neighborhood House. Return bags to the church Narthex on Sunday, September 8. These in-kind donations are helping to feed hungry neighbors in body, mind, and spirit!

# Classes & Groups



Come together with other women to make a friend...  
be a friend... laugh...  
dig into God's Word together  
and discover new ways to  
**Live In Faith Everyday.**



## Into the Word, Into the World: Luke & Acts

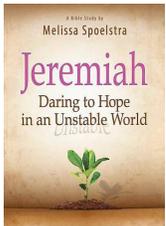
**Fridays, September 6 - December 6**

**9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor**

**Come early for coffee and refreshments**

**Coordinators: Nancy Fidler & Brenda Younker**

This segment of the popular Disciple Fast Track DVD curriculum helps us explore Jesus' time on earth as well as how the early church grew following his death and resurrection. It can be eye opening to realize how the life struggles and faith journeys of the early disciples mirror ours. Call the office at 248-651-9361 to reserve a book (\$15) by August 30. \*Childcare available by reservation.



## Jeremiah Daring to Hope in an Unstable World

**Mondays, September 9 - October 28**

**7 - 9 p.m. in Room 128/129**

Women are experts when it comes to worry, fear, and doubt. Unsettled times in our world certainly don't help matters. Jeremiah also lived in an unstable time when he was called to share God's message of mercy and love. His words are just as relevant to us as they were to the wayward people of his time. Email Shelly Cowling at [scowling@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:scowling@stpaulsrochester.org) to order a book (\$12).



## Seeker's Study

**Mondays, beginning September 9**

**1 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 132**

Everyone is encouraged to be part of this dynamic and inspirational group of readers as we read **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others**. Author Barbara Brown Taylor explores what is opened and what is revealed when

we accept the invitation to investigate all the wonders before us, and discover the spiritual riches God can teach us from the faith of others. Contact Rev. May at [JMay@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:JMay@stpaulsrochester.org) to order a book.



## Bare Book Bible Study (B<sup>3</sup>S)

**Thursdays, September 12 - November 21**

**1 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 131**

Join Rev. Grimmer to explore and encounter the stories and adventures in scriptures, not as theological mysteries, but as great literary adventures of spiritual encounters. Better understand Old Testament stories

with open discussion about scriptures, stories and situations that seem troubling, confusing, or problematic to us. Everyone is welcome. Register at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or call the office at 248- 651-9361.



## J.O.Y.

**Tuesday,  
September 17  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
in Hickey Hall**

Welcome back!  
Everyone 65  
and above is  
encouraged to

be part of this special time together. Invite your friends, neighbors, your pew mates. Come and share a short story about "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" or share your favorite story from your youth. Dessert, tea, coffee and water are provided. **Please RSVP before September 13 by calling the church office at 248-651-9361.**



## SPARK: Book Group

**Thursday, September 19**

**1:30 p.m. in the Parlor**

Join us as we discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We welcome new members! If you have questions, call Karen Clemons at 248-656-5183.

## Safe Within His Love

**Thursdays, September 26 - October 31**

**9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 132**



Ever feel unsure about how you stand with God? Tired of trying to measure up? Learn of God's astounding opinion of you in **Safe Within**

**His Love**, an Andrew Farley video with discussion led by Linda Regan. There is no book and no preparation required!  
\* Childcare available by reservation.

## United Methodist Men

**Saturday, September 7**

**8 a.m. in Hickey Hall**

All men are welcome!

Start the fall season off right with a great breakfast and some brotherhood, and invite

a guest! No RSVP necessary. Contact Dave deSteiger at 248-376-0416. The United Methodist Men meet the first Saturday of the month, September through June. **Join us!**



## Caregivers

### Support Group

**Saturday, September 7**

**9:30 a.m. in Room 132**

St. Paul's has a group of caregivers that meet monthly to support each other emotionally, while renewing our spirits, as well as sharing care-giving ideas and new resources. It is difficult to care for others when we struggle to care of ourselves. Contact Diane Donoghue at 248-872-7582 for more information.

**You don't have to do this alone!**



## Cancer Support Group

**Thursdays, September 26 - November 14**

**7 p.m. in Room 132**

This group is for those with cancer or who have ever had cancer, as well as family members and friends of those with cancer. Each meeting includes a speaker on various topics followed by sharing time. The support and growth experienced in these groups is invaluable and amazing. For more information, call the church office at 248-651-9361.



**\* Childcare available by reservation.**

To reserve childcare, call the church office at 248-651-9361 ext. 114 by 3 p.m. at least two business days prior to the first class.

## United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10**

**6 p.m. - Circle Meetings**

**6:30 p.m. - Light Supper in Parlor**

**7:15 p.m. - Business Meeting in Parlor**

If you would like to know more about UMW or Circles, this is a great opportunity to visit a Circle and meet some new people! All Circles will hold their September meetings and then we'll have fellowship and a light supper provided by the Executive Board. A short business meeting follows during which the membership will vote on the 2020 budget and slate of officers, and new members will be inducted. Information will be available on upcoming fundraisers and events. Questions? Contact Kathy Swisher at [swish1770@aol.com](mailto:swish1770@aol.com).



## HUGS. Humor, Understanding, Growth and Support

For mothers and grandmothers of all ages

**Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Room 132**

*Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.* **Romans 12:11-13**



**HUGS Monthly mission:** Birthday Bags for RANH. Gather supplies needed for a birthday party in a small gift bag: cake mix, frosting, candles, cupcake liners, plates, napkins (no balloons or matches, please). We'll collect the bags on September 25.

**September 11 Mugs & Hugs - 10 - 11:30 a.m.** Ease into the new year with a field trip to Grand Traverse Pie Company next to Papa Joe's (6920 N. Rochester Road 248-438-5110). It's very kid friendly and there's ample room for us to spread out, so feel free to bring your little guys.

**September 18 Meet and Greet** - This starts our official kick-off! We look forward to welcoming new faces and catching up with old friends.

**Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH 11:30-12:30** Once a month, we contribute one ingredient to include in a salad and extend our fellowship through lunch. For the toddler/preschool set, feel free to bring your little guys in with us as we linger over conversation and lunch.

**September 25 Prayer Stations** - It's a perfect time to reboot, try out some different prayer/meditation practices and get inspired to make sure we never let the fire in our hearts go out. Bring in the birthday bags for our mission project for Neighborhood House!

**See [stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/](http://stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/) for more detailed information.** HUGS observes the Rochester Community Schools calendar. When schools are closed, HUGS will not meet.

\*Childcare available by reservation.



## Red Bird Work Trip Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10  
7 p.m. in Room 131**

Each October, St. Paul's sends a group to Red Bird Mission to participate in a week long work project that benefits local residents. Come learn more about this mission opportunity.

**Please consider joining our team!  
This year's trip is October 13-19.**

Please contact Rev. Erin Fitzgerald at [EFitzgerald@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:EFitzgerald@stpaulsrochester.org) for information.

Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, rugged mountainous terrain challenge the residents located in Eastern Kentucky. Since 1921, Red Bird Mission has met many of the needs through their ministry in education, health and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity, and community housing improvement.



## Community Garden Update

St. Paul's community garden volunteers planted two 8'x 24' plots in the Rochester Community Garden. To date, over **110 pounds of produce** has been harvested and delivered to the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry for our neighbors in need. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Rob Patten at [robpattenjr@comcast.net](mailto:robpattenjr@comcast.net).

## Thank you for your Support!

**We have raised \$16,600 toward our \$30,000 goal**

Money raised so far has successfully launched the first two phases of the Animal Assisted Therapy Program! Goats, piglets, and chickens have been purchased, shelters have been installed on campus, and a farm handler has been hired to begin working with the boys in residence at MCHS. Our pastors and church staff will participate in a Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, August 27 during a staff retreat and mission project at MCHS.



**Get Involved:** In September we will be collecting Halloween costumes and face paint for the boys in residence at MCHS. All sizes accepted. Please bring the items to church before September 29 so that the boys can wear them to school parties and Trunk or Treat on October 12.

## The Brooksie Way Sunday, September 22

Register online to walk or run in the 5K, 10K or Half Marathon. This is the perfect opportunity to share about our yearlong mission focus with your family and friends, and solicit a donation for each mile. Register at [thebrooksieway.com](http://thebrooksieway.com) and use discount codes SPROchA and SPROchB.



## Sunday Adult Studies

**10 a.m. Sundays beginning September 8**

### Family Life Active Couples and Singles, 50 & older;

**Rickard Chapel** A welcoming place to learn and share as we enjoy discussions and presentations on a variety of Christian issues and topics. We are also known for our sense of humor as we grow in Christian fellowship. Please visit and see if you don't feel right at home!

### Faith & Friends Spiritual Growth Study; Room 132

**A Firm Foundation** - Navigate present challenges and pursue the future promise for Methodists. We explore what it means to remain faithful disciples in the tradition of the Wesleys. **Join us!**

**Open Hearts** Parents with children of all ages (infants to empty-nesters) **Room 131** We're on this journey together... with Jesus and with each other. So, join us as we encourage one another!



## Sundays Beginning September 8

### **Journey: MS Small Group** For all 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders & their friends Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m. in Room 131

Journey is a place where students can explore their faith with their peers. During Journey we will provide fun and interesting opportunities for the students to get to know each other as well as grow closer to God. Middle School Youth Group follows Journey at 6 p.m. with dinner and large group activities.

### **High School Youth Group**

All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders & their friends  
Sundays; 5 - 7 p.m. in the Lounge

Are you looking for a way to unwind and have fun after a crazy week? Are you yearning to make an impact in your community? Our High School Youth Group is the place for you and your friends. We provide a relaxed atmosphere for teens to be themselves, explore their faith, help out others, and have fun. Dinner (\$5) is served at 6 p.m. **Laughter is guaranteed!**

### **Middle School Youth Group**

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders & their friends  
Sundays; 6 - 7 p.m. in Rooms 122-123

Are you looking for a fun and relaxing way to start your week? Our Middle School Youth Group is lively and fun! We provide a safe place where you can be yourself and explore your faith. The night begins with dinner (\$5). We will play games and have creative discussions and activities geared to strengthen our relationships with God and each other. **Friends are welcome anytime.**

## Sunday 10 a.m. Youth Programming in the Lounge

### **Impact**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each Month

Do you have a desire to change the world and grow in your faith? We join together to make a difference in our community through monthly service projects and discuss topics relevant to teenage life. During Chill 'n Chat, the lounge is open for drop in for the students to use for homework or games but there will be no adult present running any activities. Bring your friends! Impact isn't just a class, it's a way of life.

### **Chill 'n Chat**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each Month

## **Confirmation**

Parent Meeting & Dinner  
September 15

6 - 7 p.m. in the Parlor  
RSVP by September 10  
Call 248-651-9361

We invite 7<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in this year's Confirmation experience led by Rev. Carter Grimmett and facilitators. During our studies throughout the year, we will work together to learn more about the United Methodist Church, take field trips to learn other religious practices, have entertaining lock-ins, all while learning more about the Bible and becoming closer to God and others. Cost for the class is \$90. Classes run from September 15 through Confirmation on May 3. **Register by September 10** by contacting Debbie Kelly at [debbie@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:debbie@stpaulsrochester.org).

Student Retreat  
September 15

1 - 6 p.m. at Camp Skyline  
Dinner/Youth Group 6 - 7 p.m.  
Hickey Hall



**Any student 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older is welcome to participate.**

## **Children's Sunday School**

during 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Children 5 years - 5<sup>th</sup> grade attend Sunday's worship with their family and leave the Sanctuary early to go to their grade specific classrooms.



## **Children's Programming**

Sundays at 10 a.m. Room 122-123

Ignite fuses together teaching, service, snack, prayer & creative arts to help children discover how God has gifted them. Students will grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, one another and their church family as their flames of faith are lit.

## **Infant/toddler childcare**

Sundays; 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Bring your little ones into the Infant Nursery and Toddler Room for care and sharing of God's love at the 9, 10 and 11 a.m. hours.





### Holy Communion September 1 at 10 a.m.

The sacrament of Holy Communion celebrates the presence of Christ and helps us find strength for Christian living. In the United Methodist Church, communion is open to all who intend to lead a Christian life.



### Noisy Offering Sunday, September 8

We will be collecting a "noisy" offering with proceeds supporting Methodist Childrens' Home. Please bring your coins!



### Blood Pressure Clinic Sunday, September 8

9:45 - 11 a.m. & noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Narthex  
Have your blood pressure checked and get valuable information about Children & Youth Health Issues.



### Upcoming Baptism Dates

September 15 & November 24

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an important event in the life of a child and the Church. The sacrament of

baptism is open to children and adults. We know that families need time to plan and "gather the clan" for the day. For more information, contact the office at 248-651-9361.



### Save your Stuff!

Drop off - October 8 & 9

Fall Sale - October 11 & 12

Volunteers always needed!

Email [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

### Traditional - 10 a.m. in Sanctuary

1	Luke 14:1, 7-14	A Humble Heart	Rev. Eardley
<b>Fall Schedule Begins Contemporary - 9 a.m. - Traditional - 11 a.m.</b>			
8	Philemon 1-21	Be You	Rev. Eardley
15	Baptisms		
	Luke 15:1-10	Be Loved	Rev. Grimmett
22	<b>Brooksie Way Race - Methodist Children's Home Society</b>		
	Luke 5:36-39	Be Change	Rev. Kress
29	Mark 12:28-34	Discipleship in the Way of Grace	Rev. Eardley

### The Open Door Service - Modern - 10 a.m. in Hickey Hall

1	Romans 12:1-2	What is She Wearing?	Rev. J. Fitzgerald
<b>Fall Schedule Begins Modern - 11 a.m. in Hickey Hall</b>			
8	Philemon 1-21	Be You	Rev. Fitzgerald
15	Luke 15:1-10	Be Loved	Rev. Fitzgerald
22	<b>Brooksie Way Race - Methodist Children's Home Society</b>		
	Phillipians 4:4-9	Be Change	Rev. Grimmett
29	Acts 15:11	Means of Grace	Rev. Fitzgerald

## Sermon Series September



## St. Paul's PRESCHOOL

Young 3's class: T, Th  
 3's class: M, W, F  
 4's class: M - F  
 9 a.m. to noon

### Register NOW - Space is limited!

St. Paul's Preschool provides high-quality learning with emphasis on the individuality of each child. Our certified teaching staff will engage your child in hands-on experiences and exploration activities that nurture their basic developmental needs: physical, language, cognitive, social, and emotional.

Schedule a tour! Email:

[preschool@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsrochester.org).

Learn more at our website:

[stpaulsrochester.org/preschool](http://stpaulsrochester.org/preschool).

### Looking Ahead...

#### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> UMM Breakfast
- 6<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday
- 7-12<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday
- 13-18<sup>th</sup> Red Bird Mission Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y.
- 18-19<sup>th</sup> REACH Summit
- 20<sup>th</sup> Marriage Renewal
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Harmony in the Hills Concert  
Johann Vexo
- 27<sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday