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St. Paul's  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Rochester, Michigan

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## Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul's UMC! I hope that you will enjoy reading through our October Evangel. If you are just getting to know our church, then may this be a great way to discover how we worship God, grow in faith, and serve those in need around our community. We believe that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. It's just how we strive to be fully faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Plus, you'll see some fun ways to get connected with others here at our church! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to check out our website, call the church office, or send me an email: [DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org). I'd love to hear from you and help you get connected at St. Paul's.

FYI - our fall small group and preaching series, **A Disciple's Path**, begins on September 29. I encourage you to be in one of our small groups and grow in your journey with Jesus and Jesus' people.

I invite you to join us in living out Jesus' love in real ways and sharing his hope each and every day!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Rev. David Eardley*

## On Finances:

As I write this update, the August books are still being closed. The church had a breakeven position at the end of July with revenue and spending for the year at \$908,000. All areas are doing well managing within their 2019 budget.

The annual stewardship drive (EMC) traditionally held in October will be delayed this year until March based on the recommendation of Horizon Consultants. See below for more information.

The third year of Project IMPACT, our facility upgrade project, continues successfully addressing many of the facility needs identified four years ago. The trustees are addressing a few remaining projects including replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen. They have also approved the updating of the HVAC controls to digital systems from the old pneumatic systems. It is anticipated that funds for future needs will be part of the annual stewardship effort in the future. Thank you for your three year pledges of over \$600,000, many which are already fully paid.



*Ron DiLiddo*

Chair Finance Committee



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## What Happened to EMC?

### Changes to Every Member Commitment Campaign Look for our next Stewardship Campaign to be in March 2020

St. Paul's is embarking on a new way to engage our church community in giving. As a result, we are delaying our annual stewardship campaign (EMC) to March 2020. Rather than focusing on the church's budget, we are going to invite everyone to reflect on God's generosity in their lives and prayerfully determine how God would have them give to our church ministries.

We hope that people will continue to contribute as they are today between January and March. We will be asking people to return their Estimate of Giving cards in March and prayerfully consider growing in their giving.

Next year's stewardship campaign is titled **Taking the Next Step**. Its primary focus is this following prayer: *God, where would you have me be in my giving?* We invite you to join us in praying this prayer even now as we prepare for next March. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Eardley, at [DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org) or Ron DiLiddo, Finance Committee Chairperson at [diliddor66@gmail.com](mailto:diliddor66@gmail.com).



## REACH Summit

Friday, October 18; 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 19; 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

We have the honor of hosting this year's REACH Summit, which is a key event focusing on the growth of our United Methodist Churches in Michigan. You can register online at [reachsummit.org](http://reachsummit.org). If you're interested in being a volunteer, please contact the church office at 248-651-9361.

- **Ambassador and hospitality support**  
Contact Phil Swisher at [swisher1770@gmail.com](mailto:swisher1770@gmail.com)
- **Facilities support**  
Contact Leesa Medaugh at [Leesa@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Leesa@stpaulsrochester.org)
- **Kitchen support**  
Contact Kathy Lutey at [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com)



## Marriage Renewal Service

Sunday, October 20

9 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Hickey Hall  
Couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, etc. (in 5 year increments), or any wedding anniversary over 50 years, are invited to participate at the 9 or 11 a.m. worship services. Please call the church office at 248-651-9361 to sign up for this meaningful renewal service. The deadline to notify the church for participants' names to be printed in the worship program is Monday, October 7.

# HARMONY IN THE HILLS

Harmony in the Hills Concert

## Johann Vexo

Wednesday, October 23

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

St. Paul's is delighted to present Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris concert organist, Johann Vexo. He has performed extensively throughout Europe, United States, Canada and Russia.

**Don't miss the chance to hear him in Rochester.**

Suggested donation \$15.



Looking Ahead - SAVE the DATE

## A Disciple's Path

Saturday, November 2; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

One Day Conference featuring

**Rev. Dr. James A. Harnish**

Registration \$25

(\$40 after October 24)

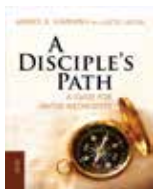
St. Paul's is pleased to welcome United Methodist pastor, influencer and popular author Rev.

Dr. James Harnish who will lead a workshop on Saturday, November 2 and preach in worship

on Sunday, November 3. Several breakout sessions are available featuring Harnish, Rev. David Eardley, Neil Hanley, Rev. Anthony Hood, Rev. Jon Reynolds, Rev. Rick Kress, Rev. Judy May and Mike Morley. Registration information is available at [stpaulsrochester.org](http://stpaulsrochester.org) on our calendar entry for November 2.



# Classes & Groups



## Fall Study

### **A Disciple's Path Companion Reader**

Discussion Groups Meeting beginning September 29

Sundays at 10 a.m. (two groups) and at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m. (two groups)

Become part of a small group for our fall study of **A Disciple's Path Companion Reader** by Rev. Dr. James Harnish. The focus is on going deeper in key areas of following Christ. Small groups are forming to prepare for the November 2 workshop with Rev. Harnish. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and at the Open Door service. Books are \$13.



## **J.O.Y. Just Older Youth (65 and above)**

**Tuesday, October 15; 12 - 2 p.m. in Hickey Hall**

Everyone is welcome to gather to share a brown bag lunch, dessert, coffee and tea. Following lunch, we will participate in a chair yoga demonstration with instructor Kristy Paul. Invite your neighbors and

friends to become part of this lively, JOYful, fun-loving fellowship!

**RSVP before October 11 by calling the office at 248-651-9361.**



## **Make It & Take It** Fall/Holiday Edition

**Tuesdays, October 15 - November 5**

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

We will make simple items that you will be able to take home and enjoy after class, many using dollar store or recycled materials. Each class is stand alone. Join us for one or all. Be inspired and use the creativity that you didn't even know you had! \$5 donation per class. Sign up at [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org).

## **Sunday Adult Studies** 10 a.m. Sundays

### **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.

**October 6 & 13** Remembering & Sharing Your Past - S. Sonye

**October 20** Stewardship - R. DiLiddo

**October 27** Pam Maranzano

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

**A Disciple's Path** - Become engaged in ministry that brings transformation to your life, the lives of others, and the world. **Join us!**

**Open Hearts** Parents with children of all ages (infants to empty-nesters) **Room 131** We'll discuss the fall study of **A Disciple's Path**. So, join us as we encourage one another!



## **SPARK: Book Group**

**Thursday, October 17**

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

Join us as we discuss *Varina: a Novel* by Charles Frazier. We welcome new members! If you have questions, call Karen Clemons at 248-656-5183.

## **Emmaus Fall Walks**

**Men's Walk**

**October 17-20**

**Utica UMC**

**Women's Walk**

**October 24-27**

**Utica UMC**



St. Paul's Emmaus Community invites you to take the Fall Emmaus Walks. If you are ready to deepen your faith in Christ

and willing to commit to a 72 hour retreat, a new lifetime journey with Christ awaits you! **Limited openings are still available.** Pilgrims who've experienced this new awareness in discipleship found their Walks to be engaging with opportunities for prayer, small group discussions and purposeful presentations. For more information, visit [emsem.org](http://emsem.org) or contact Karen Fisher at 248-709-7429 or [karenfisher63@icloud.com](mailto:karenfisher63@icloud.com) or Peter Marsh at 586-713-6392 or [peter.marsh@lpl.com](mailto:peter.marsh@lpl.com).

**\* 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 Men

**Saturday, October 5**

**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. **Join us!**



HUGS Service Project

## Operation School Bell

**Tuesday, October 29**

**8:30 a.m. - noon; Off Campus**

HUGS helps the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan with this meaningful program where they will help children in Pontiac choose a winter coat, hat, gloves, clothing, hygiene kit, book and duffel bag. Each volunteer will be assigned one child to escort through this process. The “uniform” for the day must be black pants and a white shirt. There will be childcare at St. Paul’s as long as you call in advance and fill out a St. Paul’s release form.



## United Methodist Women

“Serve one another in love...” Galatians 5:13

### October Circle Meetings

- **All Circles** - Help with Rummage Sale
- **New Hope Circle** - Thursday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at Camille Doerr’s home for our book discussion.

**Executive Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 24 at 9 a.m. in the Parlor.



## 2019 Fall Rummage Sale

**Friday, October 11**

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 12**

**9 a.m. - noon**

Join in this GIANT Mission Project!



### We Need Your Things -Drop off:

**October 8; 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. & 7- 9 p.m.**

**October 9; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Hickey Hall drop off** — adult

clothing/shoes, jewelry, all household items, small furniture

**Lower level drop off** — children’s clothing, toys, baby items, books/media, holiday decorations, crafts

### We Need Your Time

Please give a few hours Tuesday, October 8 through Saturday, October 12. Contact Kathy Lutey at [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com) or 248-375-0958 with questions.

\*Childcare available by reservation on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

### These items do not sell and incur disposal costs so we can not accept:

Large furniture (including entertainment centers, mattresses, sofas, china cabinets, large desks), televisions, computers, printers, computer components, car seats, large appliances, batteries, tires, waterbeds, built-in-type appliances, air conditioners, building supplies, storm windows, non-working electrical appliances, old textbooks, or magazines. We cannot accept cribs due to government regulations.

**Please label size of bedding and tablecloths.**

## HUGS. Humor, Understanding, Growth and Support

For mothers and grandmothers of all ages

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

**October 2 Crafting and Conversation** - Get creative as we set goals and create an easy craft. Also, bring a book, take a book. Anything left over can be donated to the rummage sale.

**Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH 11:30-12:30** Bring one salad ingredient and extend our fellowship through lunch. Bring your little guys in with us as we linger over conversation and lunch.

**October 9 Rummage Sale** - Help sort and organize and do a little pre-shopping! Regular childcare is available 9 a.m. to noon. Questions? Contact Kathy Lutey at [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com).

**October 16 - 30 The Best Yes** - Overwhelming schedule, endless demands and the need to please - a wisdom based process to overcome the agony of hard choices so we learn to give small no’s so we can say the best yes. Sue Evans leads this 6-week study with video and optional book.

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.



# Missions

## St. Paul's Mission Project 2019

### Methodist Children's Home Society



#### Halloween Costume Drive

Become a Halloween costume sponsor. We have costume requests and sizes for every resident at MCHS. Purchase the costume and return it to church by Sunday, **October 6** so the the boys can wear it to the Trunk o' Treat event on October 12.

#### Trunk o' Treat

**Saturday, October 12; 12 - 2 p.m. at MCHS**

Would you like to decorate your trunk and help the kids in foster care and in residence enjoy the holiday? The festivities include cider and donuts, pumpkin painting, and trick-or-treating in a safe environment. Please contact Larry Hice at [larryhttp@aol.com](mailto:larryhttp@aol.com) by October 6. Donations of individually wrapped candy also accepted (no peanuts, please).



#### Hearts and Heroes Gala

**Saturday, November 2 at the Roostertail in Detroit**

St. Paul's will have a table at this formal and fun night benefiting the children and families served by MCHS. Guests will enjoy live music, a delicious meal, fabulous silent auctions, raffles, and a profound and purposeful program dedicated to creating safer communities and brighter futures for Michigan's children. Please contact Larry Hice at [larryhttp@aol.com](mailto:larryhttp@aol.com) if you would like to reserve a ticket.

**Don't be afraid to buy LOTS of candy!**

#### Halloween Candy Leftovers

If you don't give out all of your candy to visiting princesses and pirates - or eat it before Halloween even gets here - **donate it to us!**



After Halloween, St. Paul's will collect candy to send care packages to our college students. Our college students love to be reminded that their church family is thinking of them. Please drop off your leftover candy in Jodi Stuermer's office (Room 206) or with Karen in church office. Thanks for making our college students feel loved as they study hard and finish strong!

#### College Address Reminder

St. Paul's wants to keep in touch with your college student throughout the year and send them a care package in early December. **Parents** - If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please email his/her address to [Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Jodi@stpaulsrochester.org) by **November 19**.

#### Mission Council

**Monday, November 11**

**7 p.m. at Neighborhood House  
1720 S Livernois Rd**

Want to help with Missions? Join us at our next meeting. Listed on this page are just some of the mission activities and opportunities for you to lend your time, talent and treasure to further God's Kingdom. Thank you for all your support in the past and we pray for your continued support going forward.

#### Liberia Education Update

**Look for the Liberia Education 2019 report in the Narthex Kiosk.**



#### Red Bird Work Trip

**October 13 - 19**

We have a team of adults serving in Beverly, Kentucky the week of October 13-19. **Please pray for them while they are away** and for God to use their hands and feet in service.

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.

**Red Bird thanks you!**

#### Box Tops



This summer we collected 221 Box Tops for Education for Red Bird Mission. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and helps buy books and school supplies. Please continue to collect Box Tops found on many food products and place them in the tin can in the workroom.





## Third Grade Bible Sunday Sunday, October 13

9 & 11 a.m. services

All third graders will receive a Bible from the pastor. Let us know your child's full name and which service you will be attending by emailing [Debbie@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Debbie@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Better Together

Third Sunday of the Month

10:30 a.m. - noon; Lounge/Sanctuary

Join us this fall on October 20, November 17 and December 15, as we meet for a light breakfast and then attend the 11 a.m. worship service together as a group. Friends are always welcome.



## The Haunted Garden

Sunday, October 20

5 - 7 p.m. in the Garden of Hope

Are you afraid of the dark? Grab a blanket and a friend and join the fun! Enjoy s'mores, nachos and other goodies as we watch a movie in St. Paul's garden.

## Middle School Youth Group

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends

Sundays, 6 - 7 p.m. in Rooms 122-123

Follows Confirmation and Journey. Dinner \$5.

October 6 Be Change - Go Serve Sunday

October 13 This or That

October 20 The Haunted Garden

October 27 Use Your Words

Come hang out with us. Youth Group is a great way to start your week!



## High School Youth Group

All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends

Sundays, 5 - 7 p.m. in the Lounge

Small groups, dinner (\$5), youth group fun!

October 6 Worktrip Meeting,  
Youth Group follows

October 13 YouLead

October 20 The Haunted Garden

October 27 Use Your Words

No matter what the activity, laughter is guaranteed!



## High School Worktrip Information Meeting

Sunday, October 6; 5 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Our summer worktrip is a life changing experience for both youth and adult volunteers. This trip gives our teenagers an opportunity to invest in something bigger than themselves, explore a new area, and bond with other youth. Come to the informational meeting to learn about our trip planned for summer 2020. We will discuss fundraisers, expenses and other details about this week of service.



## Use Your Words Youth Edition

Sunday, October 27

5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Please come support our Youth as they take the stage and share their stories about courage and fear. Use Your Words is a faith inspired storytelling event. Individuals

will be sharing real life stories. There is no cost for admission or participation. Refreshments provided.



## St. Paul's Preschool Register NOW!

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

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).



### Holy Communion World Communion Sunday October 6 at all worship service

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, October 13

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



### Blood Pressure Clinic

**Sunday, October 13**  
9:45 - 11 a.m. & noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Narthex  
Have your blood pressure checked and get valuable health information on Cold and Flu Prevention.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP **Worship with us!**

**Contemporary - 9 a.m. • Traditional - 11 a.m.**

6	World Communion Sunday		
	Luke 11:1-4	The Path of Biblical Prayer	Rev. Eardley
13	Acts 6:1-6	The Priority of Presence	Rev. Fitzgerald
20	Marriage Renewal		
	Luke 21:1-4	Generous Living	Rev. Eardley
27	Acts 6:1-6	The Way of Service	Rev. Eardley

**The Open Door Service • Modern - 11 a.m. in Hickey Hall**

6	Luke 4:1-14	A Disciple's Path: Prayer	Rev. Fitzgerald
13	Acts 2:43-47	A Disciple's Path: Presence	Rev. Eardley
20	Luke 21:1-4	A Disciple's Path: Gifts	Rev. May
27	Acts 6:1-6	A Disciple's Path: Service	Rev. Fitzgerald

## Sermon Series **October**



### Save your Stuff!

Drop off - October 8 & 9  
Fall Sale - October 11 & 12

See page 5 for more information.  
Volunteers always needed!



### Did you know? St. Paul's App For your mobile device

Use the St. Paul's app to:

- Pay for books
- Preschool payments
- Donate to missions
- Pay your pledge
- Donate to St. Paul's

It's easy to use and free!

Search "St. Paul's United Methodist" in the App Store. **Get it today!**

### Upcoming Baptism Dates



**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. For information, contact the office at 248-651-9361.

### Looking Ahead...

#### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Disciple's Path Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> Harmony in the Hills Concert
- 17<sup>th</sup> That Takes the Cake Sale
- 19<sup>th</sup> Just Older Youth
- 21<sup>st</sup> SPARK Book Group
- 24<sup>th</sup> Baptism
- Church Conference
- 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving
- Church closed
- 29<sup>th</sup> Church closed