

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 5, 2017

“The meek shall inherit the earth”
Jesus

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 5: 1-7* **Pg. 742**

*** Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* **No. 451**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation

(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

Unison Prayer

Holy One, we often feel beaten down by the world. Wounded by careless words, we lash out in our suffering and hurt the very ones we love. Weary of seeming weak and foolish, we forsake humility and gentleness. Bless us, Holy One, that we might be a blessing for others. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may be pure in heart, merciful and kind, and walk humbly in your ways. Amen

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Jesus Loves Me* **No. 191** (Vs. 3)

*Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology (No. 95), Blessing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem *On Eagles' Wings* Douglas Wagner

Scripture *Matthew 5: 1-12*

Message The gift of humility Rev. Evans C. Bentley

*** Hymn** *I Come with Joy* **No. 617**

Holy Communion Pg.12

All are welcome. Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers. You may kneel or stand upon reaching the rail. Let an usher know if you need to be served in your pew. Gluten-free bread is located in the small container in the serving tray.

*** Hymn** *What Gift Can We Bring* **No. 87**

The Light of Christ Leads Us In To the World

Benediction

*** Congregational Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

St. Paul's Staff

Pastor: Evans C. Bentley

Office Manager: Susan Paterson

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Organist: Inger Oswald

Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky

Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Youth Leader: Willie Lass & Kelly Vergowven

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Stephanie Metzger

11:00 a.m. – Kelly Vergowven

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – Rhonda & Fritz Shull

11:00 a.m. – Mary & Ken Vergowven

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Anya Jacobs & Kyle Leask

11:00 a.m. – Micaiah Ivey & Noah Ivey

Worship attendance last Sunday – 182

Sunday school attendance last Sunday – 85

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 26,217

Income 22,019

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 4,198

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: Lynn Baker had a stroke and is at Toledo Hospital; Mr. **Jaynes (Ken's father)** is at Stewart Rd. rehab; **Ruth Curtis** celebrated her 99th birthday recently; **Cinda Doubler** is at home.

The Chancel flowers are given:

In honor of the birthday, today, of Jennifer Benavente. Happy birthday from Hugo, Jack and Kate!

In celebration of Emma Lee's 10th birthday. Happy birthday Emma!

Childcare is provided for children, 4 years old and younger in the nursery on Sundays during worship service.

St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code stpaulmonroe. Call Kelly Skarbek at 457-3633 if you'd like to volunteer on the day of the drive. Thank You!

The United Methodist Women provide copies of the *Upper Room*, a daily devotional guide, to the St. Paul's congregation. The cost per year per person is about \$10. They provide 100 subscriptions. If you would be willing to donate to this cost, please use a pew envelope and mark it "UMW Upper Room." Thank you!

Youth Sunday –“what a celebration of love”. St. Paul's would like to thank all the wonderful Youth, family, and leaders for a remarkable and wonderful celebration of "LOVE". Special thanks to Inger Oswald and the music department for their always wonderful talents and guidance.

Willie and Connie Lass wish to extend to our “Spiritual Family” here at St. Paul's a most sincere thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards and individual acts of kindness that have really made a difference during Willie's recent back surgery and recovery. A very special thanks to the St. Paul's youth and leaders who know how to share their love in the most special and unique ways, the “flames” are still burning!

Worship Committee is meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Please come and share your worship insights, experiences and ideas.

Please join us—recently a number of ladies from St. Paul's UMC met to explore interest in re-energizing the Mary Martha Circle. We met at two times. Both groups shared their thoughts on what they hoped the circle could be. There were a variety of ideas. The one thing we decided was that we would meet again on **Thursday, February 16th first at 10:00 a.m. and then later at 7:00 p.m.** Not everyone brought their craft supplies to the first meeting and if you are not a craft person, you need not bring anything, but do join in and share with us in fellowship and discussion.

Eve Circle will once again be holding their *Trash to Treasure Sale* this summer with proceeds to benefit various church and community projects. As you organize for the new year and the new seasons, please put things aside to bring in later this year. We'll let you know exact dates later. **Please do not bring items now. We do not have any storage space!**

The St. Paul's Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that a total of three thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars (\$3625) has been awarded to students who are included in the St. Paul's church family. Once again thank you for your continued support of our students with your gifts, your concern, and your prayers. Those receiving awards are: **Carly Hilliard**, (MSU); **Katelyn Ingels**, (Belmont University); **Madelyne Knapp**, (Bowling Green); **Hunter Ochs**, (University of Toledo); **Kelsey Pabin**, (MSU); **Charity Taylor**, (University of Toledo); **Harmony Taylor**, (University of Toledo); **Taylor Thompson**, (Central Michigan); and **Sarah Wangbickler**, (Schoolcraft College).

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, February 5, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – UMYF Super Bowl Sub Sale
9:00 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
11:00 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion

Monday, February 6, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Eve Circle at Jeanette's home

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club
5:30 p.m. Christ's Kids Club and Children's Choirs
6:15 p.m. – Praise Ringers
6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. – *Sounds of Joy* Community Singers
4:00 p.m. – Relay for Life "Pizza Palooza"

Friday, February 10, 2017

6:00 p.m. – U Care

Sunday, February 11, 2017 – Scouting Sunday

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
6:00 p.m. - UMYF