

**Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany**

February 19, 2017

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a Light unto my path.

Prelude

Kelly Vergowven

\* Congregation please stand if able

\* The Call to Worship Psalm 119:41-48

Pg.842

\* Hymn “I Love To Tell the Story”

#156 UMH

\* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation  
(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

Pastoral Prayer:

Choral Prayer Response: Seek Ye First No. 405 (Vs. 1)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.**

**And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

Sunshine Choir Anthem “I Will Go Where God Says Go”

Natalie Sleeth

Children’s Message

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

\* Doxology (No. 95),

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

\* Unison Prayer:

**Holy God, you give generous blessings and fill our hearts with gratitude. Empower us to respond joyfully, sharing in ministry with those who are hungry for food and those who thirst for spiritual refreshment. May our community of faith reflect more fully the priorities of the kingdom of God, even as we look forward to Christ’s return. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Hymn Break Thou the Bread of Life

#599 UMH

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir “Immortal Love Forever Full”

Richard Delong

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Message: Call to a Necessary Discipline

Rev Jim Jacobs

\*Hymn Thy Word Is a Lamp

#601 UMH

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

**Ushers:**

11:00 a.m. – Bob Paterson, Tom Paterson  
Will Paterson, Jerry Spence

**Liturgists:**

9:00 a.m. – Judie Wiseman

11:00 a.m. – Julie Balk

**Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. – Judy Bodenmiller

11:00 a.m. – Yvonne Gnaedinger

**Acolytes:**

9:00 a.m. – Micaiah Ivey & Noah Ivey

11:00 a.m. – Robert Mort & Alex Roa-Garcia

**Worship attendance last Sunday – 140**

**Budget Information:**

Expenditures: \$41,896

Income 32,752

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: \$9,144

## **Announcements**

**The Chancel flowers are given in honor of Adel Ivey's birthday,** from your younger sister, Peggy!

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

**Check the back of the chancel for the baskets loaded with lumbar pillows** made by the women of Eve Circle designed for you to pick up and use to ease your back a bit while you enjoy the services each week (not to be used as a sleep aid!) Find one that suits your body, take it to your pew and return it when the service is over. And be sure and let the women of Eve Circle know what you think of this idea. Should they make more?

**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](http://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!

**HOME PLATE 2017:** the UMYF/Youth are going to this unique activity on the **Saturday 29th of April.** **OPEN TO ALL** Each adult \$34/youth \$25 **ticket includes:** The Program. Poster. Souvenirs. Meal coupon for concession areas at Comerica Park. An Upper Box Infield, Upper Reserved Infield, Upper Grandstand, Mezzanine, Pavilion, Skyline or other seat for the game between the Tigers and the White Sox. An **on-the-field Photo Day**, sponsored by the Detroit Tigers, is scheduled from 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM. This is available to all attendees at **HOME PLATE 2017.** The program will include several of these athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. New Tigers players, wives, members of the White Sox, and other athletes may also participate. Leave your request and money in the office or contact Willie Lass at 734-735-1669 / [wlass@charter.net](mailto:wlass@charter.net) **Deadline is March 15th.** The earlier we order the better.

**Lent is very near.** We are finalizing the Wednesday night Lenten programs and would like volunteers/groups to provide snacks after. Sign up list is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. This nourishment is greatly appreciated and blessings to all who can help.

**The Board of Trustees has elected new officers for 2017.** The following persons compose the board. **They are President: Mike McCain; Vice President, Joanne Lynch; Secretary, Scott Allen and Treasurer, Jeanette Fedosky. Rick Reicherd** will stay on as Project Manager for the roof replacement.

9:00 a.m. – Worship  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes  
11:00 a.m. – Worship

## **This Week at St. Paul's**

### **Sunday, February 19, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Worship - Rev. Jim Jacobs will lead worship  
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6:00 p.m. - UMYF

### **Monday, February 20, 2017**

7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees

### **Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

### **Wednesday, February 22, 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 will not practice  
7:30 p.m. – Children's Chimes choir

### **Thursday, February 23, 2017**

10:00 a.m. – *Sounds of Joy* Community Singers

### **Friday, February 24, 2017**

5:30 p.m. – Family Game Night/U Care

### **Saturday, February 25, 2017**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – *Sounds of Joy* choir Retreat

### **Sunday, February 26, 2017**