

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

Triumph Over Evil

Prelude *A Medley of Faith* arr. Sharon Rogers

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 32: 1-5* **Pg. 766**

*** Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* **No. 77**
Alexis Jay, Trumpet

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Youth Choir *Tell the World that Jesus Loves You* Scruggs

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation
(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew) 67

Praise Ringers Anthem *There's a Little Wheel*
arr. I. England & A. Sherman

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Amazing Grace (Vs. 3)* **No. 378**
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me save thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Children's Message

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* arr. Douglas Wagner

* 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 *For God So Loved the World*
Craig Courtney

Scripture *Matthew 4: 1-11*

Message Lessons in the Wilderness Rev. Evans C. Bentley
Surviving an encounter with the Devil

*** Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* **No. 269**

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** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* **No. 328**

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:

9:00 a.m. - Jerry Sampsel, Jim Davis, Kyle Cooley
Jeff Weaver, Ken Vergowven

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Jennifer Benavente

11:00 a.m. – Ann Nickel-Swinkey

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – Obie & Hank Green

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Anya Jacobs & Chloe Pabin

11:00 a.m. – Jenna Balk & Noah Ivey

Worship attendance last Sunday – 186

Sunday school attendance last Sunday - 83

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$53,755

Income 42,082

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 11,673

Announcements

Please keep **Jack and Janet Volker** in your thoughts and prayers.

The Chancel flowers are given in honor of the birthdays of **Maddie and Audrey Cooley**.

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

Church-Wide Lenten Study

“Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess”

March 8 – March 22

6:30 p.m. – Parlor

God created us for an amazing purpose, but we can find ourselves “out of sync” and joy with God. We experience brokenness and pain. We wonder if abundant life in Christ is possible. Join us for a Lenten study by Tom Berlin called “Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess.” This 3 week study will be taught by Kelly Vergowven, and held in the parlor. Come and discover healing, restoration and joy!

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?

Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

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!

We need Sunday school classes (groups or individuals) who will provide treats for the upcoming Lenten Programs. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Thanks in advance!

St. Paul’s Spring Music Festival – Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. and come enjoy a worshipful concert presented by St. Paul’s Music Ministry. All of St. Paul’s choirs and instrumentalists will present beautiful and uplifting sacred music. We hope you will come and invite friends and family. The concert is free of charge and will be followed by a reception presented by the women of Eve Circle

HOME PLATE 2017: the UMYF/Youth are going to this unique activity on 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. The program will include several of these athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. Contact Willie Lass at 734-735-1669 / wlass@charter.net **Deadline is March 15th**. The earlier we order the better.

St. Paul's UMW will meet on **Thursday, March 16th** at **7:00 p.m.** in fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Paula Whitman from Paula's House. Please join us as we "Learn and Care about Monroe."

GOSH! YOU ARE LOOKING GOOD!

It is time to mark your calendar. Universal Church Directories, will be here May 3rd through 6th, to take pictures for our new and updated church directory. Additional info to follow shortly. Blessings - Duane Bair & Team!

LUKE 24: 32

Did you hear about the two men whose heart burned within them as HE talked to them on the road to EMMAUS and explained scripture to them?

Would you like an opportunity to meet Him (Jesus Christ) in new ways as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers? Do you wish to renew or strengthen your spiritual life?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions The Walk to Emmaus is for you.

Your church, St Paul's U.M.C., has in house sponsors who are praying for you, and will be most happy to come along side and help you go on The Walk to Emmaus, which is hosted by the Southeast Michigan Emmaus Community.

Please see Pastor Bentley, Paula Vergowven, Mary Vergowven, Susan Fleming, Duane Bair or Mary Anne Bair for details.

Men's Walk: April 27-30, 2017

Women's Walk May 4-7, 2017

Sponsorship forms should be submitted on or before March 27.

The Women's walk is fast filling up.

In Christ We Remain

St Paul's 4th Day Emmaus Group

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, March 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship and Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

Monday, March 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

5:30 p.m. Christ's Kids Club and Children's Choirs

5:30 p.m. – Youth Choir

6:15 p.m. – Youth Band

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Study

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Children's Chimes choir

Thursday, March 9, 2017

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

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

10:00 a.m. – Cans Film Festival

11:00 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

U Care Project

The U Care Project is holding its final event of the season on Friday, March 10th. All are welcome to join the Inclusive Yoga Session given by Kimberly Wise of Lotus Holistic Therapy. Kimberly is a licensed massage therapist, certified in manual medicine, reiki practitioner (Usui method), and now a Yogi, as well as a long list of other training and certifications too long to share here. She specializes in those with injuries and pain management at her studio in Monroe. Kimberly was one of the founders of UCare, and is returning to support the program. If you've ever thought of trying Yoga, or if you already enjoy the practice, you don't want to miss this session. Yoga mats will be provided, if you have your own mat, bring that along if you prefer it. The session will start at 7PM. Come early to watch the youth, youth leader, parents and staff recognition which will start at 6:15. (Open gym and chicken dinner start at 6)

Lenten Programs 2017

6:30p.m.

Mar 8: Ms. Kelly Vergowven: "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess". Part 1

Mar 15: Ms. Kelly Vergowven: "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess". Part 2

Mar 22: Ms. Kelly Vergowven: "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess". Part 3

Mar 29: Pastor Tim Taylor and "Sounds of Joy" Senior Choir: Hymn Sing!

Apr 5: (TENTATIVE) Pastor Heater Boone, Oaks of Righteousness: Easter Send Off.