

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

### *The Practice of Endurance*

Prelude

**\*Congregation please stand if able**

**\* The Call to Worship**      *Psalm 95: 1-7*      **Pg. 814**

**\* Hymn**      *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*      **No. 513**

\* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation

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

Silent Prayer   Morning Prayer   Lord's Prayer

**Choral Prayer Response**   *Through It All*   **No. 507**

*Through it all, through it all,*

*I've learned to trust in Jesus,*

*I've learned to trust in God,*

*Through it all, through it all,*

*I've learned to depend upon God's word.*

Special Music

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Kaitlyn Volpi, Kylie Jacobs, Flute

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*

\* **Hymn**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      **No. 298**

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem      *For God So Loved the World*

Craig Courtney

Scripture      Romans 5: 1-11

Message      Lessons in the Wilderness: Endurance      Rev. Evans C. Bentley

\* **Hymn**      *Beams of Heaven as I Go*      **No. 524**

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

11:00 a.m. – Karen Zeestraten & Gordon Doster

**Liturgist:** Mary Kay Hamilton

**Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. – Jim & Joanna Jacobs

11:00 a.m. – George & Jannet Low

**Acolytes:**

9:00 a.m. – Kyle Leask & Micaiah Ivey

11:00 a.m. – Kathryn Short & Sophia Short

**Worship attendance last Sunday – 181**

**Budget Information:**

Expenditures: \$61,721

Income 49,452

Endowment Income and  
2016 Carryover used: 12,269

# **Announcements**

Please keep **Don (DJ) Helser**, who is recovering at home from surgery, **Maxine Clute and Norma Huntley** in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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## **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!

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**I would like to thank everyone that supported our blood drive by being a donor or a volunteer.** We were able to collect 44 units of blood. Special thanks to **Amy Brooks, Fran and Jack Rayce, Mary Kay Hamilton, Susan Myers, Frank Hudkins, Karen and John Salisbury and Duane Bair.** I wouldn't be able to do this without all of your help! **Thanks again, Kelly Skarbek**

**Mary Martha Circle will meet on Friday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Campbell Soups is terminating its Labels for Education program.** If you have any labels still sitting around, please bring them to the church over the next couple of weeks so that we can send them to the Red Bird Mission. They hope to be able to acquire one more vehicle before the program ends.

**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?

**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 Lenten Programs. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Thanks in advance!

**St. Paul's UMW** will meet on **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6th, to take pictures for our new and updated church directory. Additional info to follow shortly. Blessings - Duane Bair & Team!

**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! Tickets are adult \$34/youth \$25.** Contact Willie Lass at 734-735-1669 / wlass@charter.net **Deadline is March 15th.**

## **Lenten Programs 2017**

**6:30p.m.**

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: Pastor Heater Boone, Oaks of Righteousness: Easter Send Off.

**Next Sunday's sermon** will be given by **Kelly Vergowven**

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 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

### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

Noon – Kiwanis Executive Board

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Outreach Committee

### **Wednesday, March 15, 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 16, 2017**

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

7:00 p.m. – UMW

### **Friday, March 17, 2017**

10:00 a.m. – Mary Martha Circle

### **Sunday, March 19, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Worship – Kelly Vergowven preaching

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship – Kelly Vergowven preaching