

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

Christ prepares us for new life

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 121: 1-8* **Pg. 844**

*** Hymn** *Gather Us In* **No. 2236 (TFWS)**

* 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

**God, we are your people. Transform us and make us anew.
Spin us into strong threads of love and caring. Weave us into a
community of wisdom and compassion, kindness and rejoicing.
We are your people, the work of your hands. Amen.**

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.*

Alleluia Choir Anthem *The Light in Me* LeDoux

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*

* **Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* **No. 369**

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem *Weep, Oh Mary Weep*
Patrick Liebergen

Scripture *John 3: 1-17*

Message Lessons in the Wilderness: Preparation for New Life
Kelly Vergowven

* **Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* **No. 98**

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. – Bob Paterson, Jerry Spence,
Will Paterson, Tom Paterson

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Willie Lass

11:00 a.m. – Julie Balk

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – Jason, Amy, Sophia & Caitlyn Nolff

11:00 a.m. – Roger & Cathy Spalding

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Alex Garcia & Robert Mort

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

Worship attendance last Sunday – 135

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$67,226

Income 53,859

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 13,367

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.

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!

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.

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!

Lenten Programs 2017- 6:30p.m.

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

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

Apr 5: **Cancelled** -Pastor Heater Boone, Oaks of Righteousness

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!

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.

Pictures are being requested for Mother’s Day. Taiya Himebauch is composing a montage of photos for services on Mother’s Day. Sent your photos to taiyahimebauch@hotmail.com or text 734-625-4253.

St. Paul’s Outreach Mission 2017- Water for Life. Rescuing God’s people from drinking contaminated water and restoring their human dignity by constructing wells and toilet facilities across Liberia.

- * Average cost for hand dug well - \$3,000
- * Drilled machine - \$5,500
- * Rehabilitation - \$1,000

Monday, March 20, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

1:00 p.m. – Lotus Garden Club

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

7:00 p.m. – CLUB 2017 meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 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. – Flute Trio

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Study

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Children's Chimes choir

Thursday, March 23, 2017

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

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