

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

“Are We There Yet?”

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 40: 1-3* **Pg. 774**

*** Hymn** *Lord of the Dance* **No. 261**

* 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

**Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe new life into our lives and our worship.
Create new possibilities, in our imaginations and in our dreams.
Send the promise of your hope into our depression and our despair.
Expand our hearts and our minds, as we journey through Lent.
Amen.**

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Amazing Grace* **No. 378**

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

Children's Message Connie & Willie Lass

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory *His Name Is Wonderful* arr. Wilson
Patty Taylor, Organ

* 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** *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* **No. 492**

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem *And Can It Be?* Dan Forrest

Scripture *John 11: 1-27*

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

* **Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* **No. 707**

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. – Dave Drumm, Robin Simonson,
Jane Drumm, Alisha Cooley

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Judie Wiseman

11:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Hamilton

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – George & Jannet Low

11:00 a.m. – Jerry & Vicky Johnson

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Olivia Gladieux & Kylie Jacobs

11:00 a.m. – Jenna Balk & Alyssa LaRoy

Worship attendance last Sunday – 169

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$75,780

Income 57,626

Endowment Income and
2016 Carryover used: 18,154

Announcements

Please keep **Mary Anne Bair**, who is recovering from surgery, in your thoughts and prayers.

The Chancel flowers are given in honor of the birthday of **Fritz Shull** on March 27. Happy birthday from Rhonda and Alexa!

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

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!

The Lenten Program on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:30p.m. will be a performance and hymn sing led by *Sounds of Joy Senior Choir* with Director Tim Taylor.

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.

HOME PLATE 2017: the UMYF/Youth are going to this unique activity on **Saturday 29th of April**. Tickets are ordered. Wow, 31 people are going! We will carpool by meeting at the church at 8AM. Leaving by 8:15 to be there for the program to start at 9:30, running till 10:30. On field photos start at 11am till 12noon, then lunch and the ballgame starts at 1pm. Tickets will be handed out when they arrive. Go TIGERS!

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

Sunday, April 2, 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 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

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

5:30 p.m. – Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. – Flute Choir

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Concert – *Sounds of Joy Choir*

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Children's Chimes choir

Thursday, March 30, 2017

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

Friday, March 31, 2017

10:00 a.m. –Pictorial Directory Committee

Saturday, April 1, 2017

3:00 p.m. St. Paul's Spring Music Festival