

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017

“God’s Spirit inspires us for Christian service

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Bill Ingram
Praise Ringers

*Congregation please stand if able

* **The Call to Worship** *Psalm 118: 14-29* **Pgs. 839-840**

* **Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* **No. 280**
Kelly Vergowven, piano

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Special Music *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
DIADEMATA, arr. Larson
Abigail Snow, Trumpet & Daniel Snow, Baritone

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

Unison Prayer

O Holy Spirit who filled the souls of prophets with fire, who graced the lives of apostles with determination, who gave to Jesus Christ courage to hear the cross: We confess that we have desired to brush passion aside, to pursue values of entertainment and amusement over discipleship and service. Rekindle the desire within us to value our relationship with Christ above all things, so we may follow where he leads. Amen

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Blessed Be the Name* **No. 63**
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Chancel Choir Anthem with Children’s and Youth Choirs
Blessed Is He Who Comes

Children’s Message Mrs. Alisha Cooley

The Offering of Our Gifts
Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. John Wilson

* 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** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **No. 278**

Praise Ringers *Palm Sunday Finale* Eugene Butler

Scripture *Luke 19: 28-40*

Chancel Choir Anthem *Hosanna, Hosanna* Mitchell Covington
Abigail Snow, Trumpet

Message Lessons in the Wilderness: Finding Your Passion
Rev. Evans C. Bentley

* **Hymn** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **No. 295**

The Light of Christ Leads Us In To the World

Benediction

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. – Brenda Cadle, Fran Rayce,

Patty Siekierda, Paula Massengill

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

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Willie Lass

11:00 a.m. – Julie Balk

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. –Victoria Loy

11:00 a.m. – Obie & Hank Green

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Kyle Leask & Micaiah Ivey

11:00 a.m. – Jenna Balk & Alex Garcia

Worship attendance last Sunday – 160

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$85,097

Income 66,000

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 19,097

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers. Betty Albain who is recovering from a broken arm in the Lutheran Home .

Dale and Theresa Rathbun say thank you for the thoughts and prayers received on the passing of Theresa's mother.

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

The Chancel Flowers are given:

In honor of Sophia Nolf's 8th birthday. Happy birthday from Mom, Dad and Caitlyn!

In celebration of the "significant" birthday of Fran Rayce!
Happy birthday from your family.

The Water for Life program in Liberia through the United Methodist Church was established in 2008. This was following the death of an 18 year old epileptic man who drowned in the only source of drinking water for a local village comprised of over 300 inhabitants. Unaware of the incident, the villagers kept drinking from the river, but discovered the decomposed body 4 days later. The intervention of the United Methodist Church brought relief to the village when a well was constructed in collaboration with a local organization that would later inspire a nationwide project. **April 2 and April 9 are the final dates for collecting coins to build a well in Liberia.** Our goal is for St. Paul's to raise at least \$3000, the cost of one hand dug well.

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@gmail.com or text 734-625-4253 by May 5th.

Eve Circle will once again be holding their *Trash to Treasure Sale* this summer with proceeds to benefit various church and community projects. As you organize for the new year and the new seasons, please put things aside to bring in later this year. We'll let you know exact dates later. **Please do not bring items now. We do not have any storage space!**

SPAGHETTI DINNER UPDATE...Plans are progressing for the Fund-Raiser dinner for Sue and Paul Stanifer, to be held April 28, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Many have volunteered to work and/or provide baked goods. THANK YOU FOR THAT! More workers are still needed, and baked goods as well; a dessert will be served with the dinner and a Bake Sale will also take place. (Baked goods do not have to be homemade.) If able to help, see or call Judie Wiseman 734-241-3466.

Church Directory Update – How long has it been since your family was professionally photographed? Plan now and you will have a portrait to be proud of. The photographer recommends wearing bright colors as the most photogenic (and he also suggests avoiding prints and plaids). Skim through the sample directories at the appointment table to see how other families have coordinated their outfits.

2017 UMC Summer Online Registration is now open! Go to www.umccamping.org to see what the Michigan Area UM Camping can offer. There are camps for everyone and programs for all ages. See Mrs. Cooley, Christian Education Director, for a camping catalog if you have not received one. \$100 rebates are available for St. Paul's members on one camp registration.

VBS themed Maker Fun Factory will be held June 26-30, 2017 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers and leaders needed! Please prayerfully consider participating. Contact Alisha Cooley, Christian Education Director, at (734) 344-8535 or alisha@cooleyservices.com.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 – Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club Board

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. - Outreach

Wednesday, April 12, 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

6:15 p. m. – Praise Ringers rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Children's Chimes choir

Thursday, April 13, 2017

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

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Communion Worship

At First UMC, 312 Harrison St.

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Good Friday

1:00 p.m. – Community Worship at St. Paul's UMC

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Easter

9:00 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. - Worship