

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 29, 2018*  
*Christ's Abiding Presence*

Prelude: *The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

\*Congregation please stand if you are able.

**\*Call to Worship**                      **The Apostles' Creed**                      **UMH 881**

\*Entrance of the Light of Christ

**\*Hymn**                                      ***Morning Has Broken***                      **UMH 145**

Joy, Prayer Concerns and Announcements:

*Please sign and pass the attendance registration pads found at the end of each pew.*

Ministry Moment    *Summer Missions Plans*    Audrey Cooley and Ellie Himebauch

**Unison Prayer:**

**God of power and majesty: With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from death's destruction. We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life. Especially we thank you for all victories over sin and evil in our lives, for loyalty and love of friends and family, for the newborn, the newly baptized, and those now in your eternal home, for the renewal of nature, for the continuing witness of the church of Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayer – Morning Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

**Choral Prayer Response**                      ***Bind Us Together***                      **TFWS 2226**

**Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

(sing through twice)

Youth Choir                                      **BONSE ABA**                                      Arr. Johnson

*Translation: All who sing with the Spirit  
have a right to be called the children of God.*

Children's Message

Stewardship Moment

Mike McCain

The Offering of Our Gifts & Offertory

Offertory

**\*The 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**                                      ***Abide With Me***                                      **UMH 700**

11:00 a.m. Anthem

Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now  
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

**Scripture**

*John 15:1-8*

Message

*Staying Connected to the Power Source*

Pastor Evans C. Bentley

11:00 a.m.

**Holy Baptism** of Henry Robert Paterson  
Please see congregational responses on back of bulletin.

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-7  
(Robert Paterson; Great Grandfather)

**Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters** verse: 1

**UMH 605**

**\*Hymn**

***God of Love and God of Power***

**UMH 578**

The Light of Christ leads us into the world - Benediction

**\*Congregational Response**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

## **Baptism Service**

### **Henry Robert Paterson**

**Henry** is the son of **William and Mandy (Noble) Paterson** who was born on November 27, 2017 in Toledo, OH. His grandparents are **Tom and Jackie Paterson, Gerry Noble and Erika Noble**, his great grandfather is **Bob Paterson**, and his godparents are **Becky and Tom Rice**.

Our Commitment to Christ

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

*We do.*

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Henry, now before you, in your care?

*With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Henry with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to eternal life.*

Baptism

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

*Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.*

## **Announcements**

The *pink rose* on the altar is in honor of the birth of *Alyse Nicole Jacobs*, daughter of John and Sarah Jacobs. Alyse was born on April 18<sup>th</sup>. She is welcomed by her siblings Kylie, Anya, and Kaleb, as well as her grandparents James and Joanna, and her uncle Jim.

*Ileene Smith's Retirement Reception is today between services in Fellowship Hall.* Ileene has been a loyal and pleasant presence in our church office for nearly 30 years and will be retiring at the end of this month. Join us as we celebrate her service to St. Paul's UMC.

***Greeters needed!*** Please sign-up in the atrium, if you are interested.

***Kitchen Clean Up, Clean Out*** – Eve Circle will be deep cleaning the kitchen tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who is available is welcome and invited to join us. Due to Health Department regulations, all unlabeled items will be discarded or donated. If you have left any items in the kitchen area please be sure and check that they are clearly marked and dated so that anything that is useful and needed is not thrown away.

***National Day of Prayer Service*** will be held on **Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Monroe Community College in the La-Z-Boy Center.

***St. Paul's Music Festival*** – **Saturday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Come and experience beautiful and uplifting spiritual music presented by the children's, youth and adult choirs and instrumentalists of St. Paul's Church. Invite friends and family to this free concert!

***The John Tyner Chorale*** will present its annual Spring Concert "Songs of Hope and Joy" a celebration of life, on Friday evening, **May 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** This free concert will be held ***in our beautiful sanctuary*** and include texts that will brighten the listener's mood and lift the soul.

Next Sunday, **Randy Lee** will offer the sermon and **Communion** will be served.

Mark your calendars for **Planting Day**. After this very cold and wet spring, it hardly seems possible that it's time to think about planting, but **Sat. May 19** is just 3 weeks away. We will meet at 9:00 and should be done around 10:00. So, bring your trowels and kneeling pads and help us get St. Paul's looking "grand and glorious"!

The after graduation party for MHS seniors, **Club 2018, is looking for volunteers to "hall sit" on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at Monroe County College County. You may bring a book to read or a friend to chat with to pass the time. Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or call Denise Shugarman at (419) 340-6398. If you'd like to donate a gift card from an area business to be used as a prize, please drop it off at the church office or call Denise.

**"Blessed Through Prayer"** The weekly intercessory prayer program convenes here at St. Paul's UMC every week **at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays**. Please join us as we pray for victory over cultural strongholds we all face such as family, education, economic, media, political and crisis issues, and in support of the National Day of Prayer on May 3rd. Please come, come just as you are and help us pray. Shalom. Call **Duane Bair** for more information at 517-317-1560.

**The Mary Martha Circle** has hung another quilt in the smallest section of the Fellowship Hall. This quilt was sewn for **Paula Vergowven** and will carry our prayers for her as she answers God's call to the ministry. A few ties and prayers remain to be tied and said on the quilts for **Mike and Dorothy Mortiboy** and **Norma Huntley**. Continue your excellent work! We couldn't do this without your help!

You are invited to join the **Men's Group** at **Benny's Restaurant** (15239 S. Monroe Street) on Saturdays at 8:00a.m. to enjoy good fellowship and to praise our Lord.

**Lay Speaker Classes** are available on line for a fee. If you have a hard time getting to a church to take a class in person, it's no problem! Check out

**beadisciple.com**. Under the "Catalog" tab, you can choose between a number of courses, such as Leading Public Prayer, or Leading Bible Study: Bible Interpretation. This is a great way to get some United Methodist Education right at home!

### **St. Paul's Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Evans C. Bentley  
Director of Music: John C. Tyner  
Organist: Inger Oswald  
Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky  
Office Personnel: Ileene Smith, Cathy Butson & Susan Myers  
Treasurer: Jeanette Fedosky  
Financial Secretary: Peggy Plath  
Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley  
Youth Leader: Willie Lass

**Ushers:** 9:00 a.m. – Brenda Cadle, Mary Kay Hamilton, Fran Rayce  
Karen Salisbury, Patty Siekierda  
11:00 a.m. – UMYF

**Liturgist:** 9:00 a.m. – Stephanie Metzger  
11:00 a.m. – Jennifer Benavente

**Acolytes:** 9:00 a.m. – Chloe Pabin  
11:00 a.m. – Evelyn Short

**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship – 190 Sunday School -50

### **Budget Information:**

Expenditures:	\$103,080
Income:	\$ 77,951
Endowment Income and 2017 Carryover used:	\$ 25,129

### **This Week at St. Paul's:**

**Sunday, April 29**

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Reception for Ileene Smith  
11:00 a.m. – Worship and baptism of Henry Robert Paterson  
6:00 p.m. – UMYF

**Monday, April 30**

9:00 a.m. – Kitchen Clean-Up

**Tuesday, May 1**

6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. – God Works Meal

**Wednesday, May 2**

6:30 p.m. – Bell Practice  
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 3**

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers  
7:00 p.m. – Prayer Gathering “*Blessed Through Prayer*”

**Saturday, May 5**

3:00 p.m. – St. Paul’s Music Festival

**Sunday, May 6**

9:00a.m. – Worship and Communion  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. – Worship and Communion  
6:00 p.m. – UMYF

**New Office Hours**

**Monday & Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM**

*Each day the office is open through lunch.*