

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018
Anxious for Nothing

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** **Psalm 27:1-4** **UMH 758**

*Entrance of the Light of Christ

Hymn** ***How Great Thou Art (v1-3) **UMH 77**

Joy, Prayer Concerns and Announcements:

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

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)

9:00 a.m. Praise Choir Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton

Children’s Message Randy Lee

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.

Anthem 9:00 a.m. Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now Robert Lau
Chancel Choir

Scripture *Matthew 6:25-34*

Message *Enjoy the Ride* Randy Lee

Hymn** ***His Eye Is on the Sparrow **TFWS 2146**

Holy Communion **UMH 12**

All are welcome. Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers. You may kneel or stand upon reaching the rail. Please let an usher know if you need to be served in your pew. Gluten-free bread is located in the small container in the serving tray.

Hymn** ***Surely the Presence of the Lord **UMH 328**

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.**

Announcements

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: 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. – Leon Burchette, Todd Favreau, Rick Reicherd,
Janet Volker
11:00 a.m. – Cheryl Brophy, Julie Linn, Yvonne Gnaedinger

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Hamilton
11:00 a.m. – Jennifer Benavente

Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. – Micaiah & Abigail Ivey
11:00 a.m. – Alex Roa-Garcia

Last Week's Attendance: Worship – 141

Budget Information:

Expenditures:	\$107,868
Income:	\$ 83,778
Endowment Income and 2017 Carryover used:	\$ 24,191

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

Today's *alter flowers* are given in by Jerry and Barb Sampsel in **honor of Don Sampsel's 86th birthday** on May 4th, and in honor of **Tim and Patty Taylor's 30th Wedding anniversary**.

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

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange.
It is neither inherently good nor evil.
“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

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.

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 2 weeks away. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and should be done around 10:00 a.m. So, bring your trowels and kneeling pads and help us get St. Paul's looking “grand and glorious”!

Confirmation Service will be on **Sunday, May 20th at 11:00a.m.** We hope as many as possible will attend the 11 a.m. service. It is also *Pentecost Sunday*, and our tradition is to wear something read on that day.

Remember! Our **Summer Schedule** begins Memorial Day weekend Sunday (May 27th) and lasts through Labor Day weekend Sunday (September 2nd). We will have 9:30 a.m. worship only.

The after graduation party for MHS seniors, **Club 2018, is looking for volunteers to “hall sit” on Friday, June 1st** 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 come and join us. You may also put your prayer request cards, found in the pews, in the offering plate, or in the prayer request box near the parking lot entrance of the church. Feel free to submit the cards anonymously if you wish. Call **Duane Bair** at 517-317-1560 if you have any questions or would like more information.

The **Prayer Quilt Ministry** and the **Mary Martha Circle** are excited to find that the quilts hanging in the smallest section of Fellowship Hall will soon be completed and given to the persons they were created for. Over the next few weeks you will see new quilts put up. Check out our easels and while there say a prayer, tie a knot, send your love and share your faith in our Lord's power to comfort, strengthen and heal. We could not continue this ministry without your help. We appreciate your assisting us with this rewarding mission.

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!

Words of Thanks:

Many hands do make light work and many, **many thanks for** all of the hands that helped with the task of **cleaning the kitchen**. We needed all of the help we could get but the result was a much cleaner and organized work area. Thanks to all who polished, scrubbed, defrosted, sorted and yes, tossed. We'll be adding or replacing labels to help us keep it in good condition. Please help us to keep the kitchen in good shape by remembering to date and label anything you leave, especially in the refrigerators and freezers. The guests at Philadelphia House have a full freezer and refrigerator themselves as the result of our fresh start.

Friends of St. Paul's: Thank you so very much for the beautiful reception, kind remarks, generous gifts, and most of all your friendship over the past 29 years of working in the church office. I will miss everyone and will always look back at this time in my life with fond memories. I will stop by once in a while to stay connected. Please know that the office has been left in the very capable hands of your new office staff: Cathy Butson and Susan Myers. Thanks again and God Bless You – Ileene.

This Week at St. Paul's:

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

Monday, May 7

7:00 p.m. – Eve Circle Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

Elections

6:00 p.m. – God Works Meal

Wednesday, May 9

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 10

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers

7:00 p.m. – Prayer Gathering “*Blessed Through Prayer*”

Friday, May 11

7:30 p.m. – Tyner Chorale Concert

Sunday, May 13

9:00a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship and Baptism of Leask

12:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall in use

Office Hours

Monday & Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Each day the office is open through lunch.