

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Practicing Gratitude

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 36: 5-10* **Pg. 771**

*** Hymn** *When We All Get To Heaven* **No. 701**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

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

Randy Lee adventures from his Walk to Emmaus

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Christ is Alive* **No. 318**
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Special Music *It Is Well with My Soul* Arr. Lawson
Abigail Snow, Trumpet Daniel Snow, Baritone

Children's Message Mr. Christopher Balk

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** *The Gift of Love* **No. 408**

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem *Rise Up and Call Her Blessed*
Pepper Coplin

Scripture *Matthew 20: 1-16*

Message *It's Not Fair, Thank God* Rev. Evans C. Bentley

*** Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* **No. 723**

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 Leaders: Willie Lass & Kelly Vergowven

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Paula Vergowven

11:00 a.m. – Kelly Vergowven

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Jim Morr, Leon Burchette, Todd Favreau

Rick Reicherd, Bob Servis, Janet Volker

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

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. - Chloe Pabin & Olivia Gladieux

11:00 a.m. – Robert Mort & Alex Roa-Garcia

Greeters:

11:00 a.m. – Pascale Clevinger & Karen Zeestraten

Worship attendance last Sunday – 157

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$117,343

Income 99,867

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 17,476

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: **Colleen Baker** is recovering from knee replacement surgery . **Lynn Baker** is **recovering** from carotid artery surgery; **Carolyn Dutton** had hip surgery; **Geri Pleuss** is recovering at home; **Jannet Low** who broke her leg and is recovering from surgery. **Betty Albain** is recovering from a broken arm and is in the Lutheran Home.

The congregation of St. Paul's extends its Christian sympathy to the family of **Reathel Braden** who passed away on Tuesday.

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

Thank You! Thank You! Through the generosity of St. Paul's, a community in Liberia will soon have a well that produces clean, safe drinking water. We collected a whopping \$3282.51!!

Judson Collins Camp and Retreat Center will hold an open house on **Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** There will be camp tours, a staff meet and greet, games, a hot dog cookout, wagon rides and more! Judson Collins is located at 1000 Hanes Hwy., Onsted, MI 517-467-7711. www.judsoncollinscenter.org.

Eve Circle will once again be holding their *Trash to Treasure Sale* on Friday, June 16th this summer with proceeds to benefit various church and community projects. **Please do not bring items now. We do not have any storage space!**

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.

The flowers have been ordered and the date has been set.

Saturday, May 20 is Planting Day 2017. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. with your trowel and garden gloves for about an hour as we beautify the church for the summer. (We could sure use some folks with younger backs and knees to join us but we'll be so happy to have you – no matter how old!)

The Pastor Parish Committee is searching for a **Part-time Custodian**. Applications may be picked up from the office or contact Pastor Bentley.

Brad Luck (former youth leader here) will be ordained as a full clergy member at Annual Conference on Sunday, June 4. It is the responsibility of St. Paul's. Brad's home church, to provide the clergy stole on this significant occasion. A congratulation card to sign will be available near the church office. You may also offer a small donation to help offset the cost of the stole.

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.

Check the back of the chancel for the baskets loaded with lumbar pillows made by the women of Eve Circle designed for you to pick up and use to ease your back a bit while you enjoy the services each week (not to be used as a sleep aid!) Find one that suits your body, take it to your pew and return it when the service is over. And be sure and let the women of Eve Circle know what you think of this idea. Should they make more?

UMYF –May 14th & 21st final 2 weeks of regular meetings.

Discussion will be on Mission Trip and summer lock-in. Don't miss a meeting!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

May 21st will be the last opportunity to submit photographs for St. Paul's Church Directory. Will you favor us with your photographs that demonstrate our faith and families coming together in community. When submitting photographs, please number them with a safe writing tool, what they represent, and your contact information. All photographs will be returned if possible. You may leave them with the Church Secretary or Patty Siekierda. If you have any questions please call me at 517-317-1560. Blessings <Duane>

Happy Mother's Day

Did you know? Mother's Day began in its present form with a special service in May 1907 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Methodist laywoman, Anna Jarvis, organized the service to honor her mother. By 1908 Anna Jarvis was advocating that all mothers be honored on the second Sunday in May, and in 1912 the Methodist Episcopal Church recognized the day and raised it to the National Agenda.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 14, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes
11:00 a.m. – Worship
6:00 p.m. – UMYF

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

Thursday, May 18, 2017

10:00 a.m. – *Sounds of Joy* Community Singers
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.- DKG Sorority meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes
11:00 a.m. – Worship
6:00 p.m. – UMYF final meeting