

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 27, 2018

The Holy Spirit Gives Comfort in Times of Loss.

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 62: 5-12** **UMH 787**

*Entrance of the Light of Christ

***Hymn** *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)* **UMH 697**

Joys, Prayer Concerns and Announcements:

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

Unison Prayer:

Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who we see no more. They were such a joy to us. Their memory is a blessing forever. To all who cared for us and labored for us, we pay tribute. We thank you that they now reside in your Kingdom of Heaven. They belong to a great crowd of witnesses to our lives, they surround us with their blessings, and offer encouragement to run the race before us. Amen.

Silent Prayer – Morning Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response **Spirit Song (vs. 1)** **UMH 347**

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Children’s Message

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** *America the Beautiful* **UMH 696**

Anthem *Lord, Tune Our Hearts* arr. Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir and Flute

Scripture I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message *The Comforted* Pastor Evans C. Bentley

***Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* **UMH 707**

The Light of Christ leads us into the world - Benediction

***Congregational Response** **On Eagle’s Wings** **UMH 143**
**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

Announcements

St. Paul's Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Evans C. Bentley
Director of Music: John C. Tyner
Organist: Inger Oswald
Office Personnel: Cathy Butson & Susan Myers
Treasurer: Jeanette Fedosky
Financial Secretary: Peggy Plath
Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. – Leon Burchette, Todd Favreau, Rick Reicherd,
Janet Volker, Jim Morr

Liturgist: 9:30 a.m. – Ann Nickel-Swinkey

Acolytes: 9:30 a.m. – Kathryn & Sophia Short

Last Week's Attendance – 224

Budget Information:

Expenditures:	\$127,022
Income:	\$100,006
Endowment Income and 2017 Carryover used:	\$ 27,016

Today's altar flowers are given *in memory of Sammy Lass*, wife of Rev. Tom Lass and sister-in-law of Willie and Connie Lass. We offer our Christian condolences to the family.

Everyone is invited to the first *Summer Social* of the season, *today, immediately following Worship*. The Worship Committee is hosting today's Social. If you or a group you are a part of would like to host a *Summer Social*, please see the sign-up sheet in the atrium. Socials are held after Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Socials are a great time of sharing and community.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS: Next week we will celebrate **Graduation Sunday**. Please send a photo along with the name of the school you are graduating from and your after-graduation plans to the church office so we can put your information on the bulletin board in the atrium. Please also plan to attend the social after Worship on June 3rd.

Slate! Summer Edition, will be out in the next few weeks. If you have something to submit or wish to be a sponsor, email Willie Lass at wlass@charter.net or call 734-735-1669

Well, once again Mother Nature was less than cooperative, but our small band of intrepid planters dodged the raindrops and *planted 470 plants*. Thanks to Michele Davis, Yvonne Gnaedinger, Kelly Leask, Jan Morrow, and Dale Sturm for their invaluable assistance. Thanks, too, to everyone who has contributed monetarily to keep this outside ministry going. We couldn't do it without your support.

In honor of Pastor Evans' service here at St. Paul's, the words of the Fruit of the Spirit have been added to the walls in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Evans frequently uses or refers to this scripture and these words will remind us of his legacy here with us. With appreciation, gratitude, and respect they are lovingly *presented by Eve Circle*.

Three *prayer quilts* are hanging on the easels in Fellowship Hall. These were made for two lovely ladies, *Mary Ann Bair* and *Joyce Ackerman*, and one youth member of the St. Paul's Church family, *Jason Himebauch*. Stop by to say a prayer, tie a knot, send your love and share your faith in our Lord's power to comfort, strengthen, and heal. Other quilts will be added soon and they too, will require your assistance. We of the Prayer Quilt Ministry couldn't continue this our ministry without your help. Thank you!

District Superintendent, Mark Spaw, has asked that St. Paul's hold a *special church conference* for the sole purpose of securing a vote of recommendation of William Lass as a candidate for ministry. We will meet **immediately after 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 10th** for this meeting.

UMYF Mission Trip 2018: This summer, we will be staying home to serve our own community. If you have any household projects you'd like help with, we will be working on **Monday, July 9th from 9am to 3pm**. If we can help you, please leave a note with the office.

Seeking leaders and volunteers for Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS, themed "Shipwrecked", is planned for **July 23-27**. Please see or contact Alisha Cooley or the church office.

The *Michigan Area 2018 Annual Conference* is being held from Thursday, May 31st – Sunday, June 3rd. Please keep all the leaders in your prayers as they meet to discuss and vote on various important topics in the life of the United Methodist Church. Paula Vergowven will be attending as the representative from St. Paul's and former church member Christopher Butson will be commissioned during the Ordination Service on Sunday afternoon.

"Blessed Through Prayer" meets at St. Paul's every Thursday **at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

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).

Office Hours

Monday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Each day the office is open through lunch.



This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:20 a.m. – Summer Social in Fellowship Hall
(hosted by the Worship Committee)

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

6:00 p.m. – God Works Meal

Wednesday, May 30

NO Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, May 31

Annual Conference begins (in Traverse City, Michigan)

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers

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

Friday, June 1

Club 2018 at Monroe County Community College

Saturday, June 2

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Group Breakfast

(Benny’s Restaurant, 15239 S. Monroe St.)

Sunday, June 3

9:30 a.m. – Worship – Graduation Sunday

10:30 a.m. – Sunday Social in honor of Graduates

Annual Conference ends