

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2017

Those Who Follow Christ Find New Life.

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-4 Pg. 503**

*** Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

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

Unison Prayer

*God of love and grace, we gather in thanksgiving and praise.
Reassure us once more, that you never leave us or forsake us.
Empower by your Holy Spirit, that we may live faithfully as people of Christ.
Help us leave behind the things that weigh us down,
that we may find new life in Christ. Amen*

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Breathe on Me Breath of God* No. 420 (V1)

*Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

Children's Message

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 *Where He Leads* No. 338**

Special Music Duet by Joanne Lynch and Carol Weaver

Scripture *Mark 8:31-38*

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in the adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Message *Taking Up The Cross of Jesus* Rev. Evans, Bentley

*** Hymn *Take Up The Cross* No. 415**

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

Ushers: Youth Group

Acolytes: Jenna Balk and Micaiah Ivey

Liturgist: Rhonda Shull

Worship attendance last Sunday – 128

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 160,137

Income 130,739

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 29,398

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: **Susan Paterson** recovering from surgery at Toledo Hospital. **Mary Ann Bair** who is having back surgery on June 29th.

The Chancel flowers are:

In honor of Jenna Balk's Birthday.

In honor of Rick and Laura Reicherd's 40th wedding anniversary.

In honor of Kelly Vergowven's three years as Youth Leader and in celebration of her new job as Pastor of Willow UMC beginning July 1st.

At the June 15th meeting of St. Paul's UMW, President Paula Vergowven was presented with a certificate and pin as a Special Mission Recognition. Our UMW sent a gift of money in her honor to the UMW National Office for ministries with women, children and youth. Paula was selected for this award because of her work with our church, the Chrysalis and Emmaus communities, and the Ann Arbor District UMW.

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

There is a **Special Music** sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please share your music talents with the congregation.

Come to the party! Ila Zimmerman will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 1st and you are invited to an Open House at St. Paul's from 2 p.m. to 4p.m. on July 1st.

VBS themed Maker Fun Factory will be held August 7-11, 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.

Mary Martha Circle members are trying something new and we need your help. The something new is: a prayer quilt ministry.

A prayer quilt is a lap size quilt with heavy threads stitched through the quilt layers with the thread ends left free to be tied in a square (secure) knot. We are asking all members of the congregation to tie a knot and offer a silent prayer for someone in special need (such as, but not limited to: medical, emotional, or spiritual concerns, difficult family situations, personal crisis or grief.) Sometimes we'll know the recipient and the nature of their prayer needs at the start and sometimes we will not. The quilt when finished will be given as a gift of love and prayer. It is a statement of faith in God and belief in God's power to comfort, strengthen and heal. The comfort the quilt brings the recipient will come from the prayers that are tied into each knot.

Another way we are asking for help is by your sharing the name of someone you know that would be blessed to receive a prayer quilt. If you would like to suggest someone, turn the individual's name into the office, the pastor, or a member of the circle. Permission for the circle to prepare a prayer quilt for an individual must be received from the individual or a close family member prior to the quilt being given. Let us know if you have sought and received permission or if the circle needs to make a contact to obtain permission.

Our goal is to encourage and involve the congregation of St. Paul's in this prayer effort. The motto of the parent organization is: **"It is not about the quilt, it is about the prayers."** The first St. Paul's prayer quilt is on the upper landing near the office/parking lot—you may use the stairs or the elevator. Stop by often to say a prayer, tie a knot, send some love and share your faith.

The final way to support the prayer quilt ministry is to come to a Mary Martha meeting and lend a hand in the making of the quilts. If you are

not able to do that at this time—we are in need of cotton fabric to use in the making of quilts. If you have some **cotton fabric** you no longer have a use for, donate it to the circle, by bringing it to the church and leaving it for the circle. We'll put it to good use. (no piece will be too big or too small, too colorful or too dull, too unattractive, old ... to be helpful!)

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, June 25 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Social in fellowship hall

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

1:30 p.m. – Mary Martha Circle Sewing

Thursday, June 29, 2017

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

Sunday, July 1, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Social in fellowship hall