

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: Brenda Cadle, Fran Rayce, Patty Siekierda, Paula Massengill

Acolytes: Kyle Leask & Jenna Balk

Liturgist

Worship attendance last Sunday –

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 165,114

Income 135,863

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: 29,251

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: **Susan Paterson** recovering at home. **Mary Ann Bair** recovering from back surgery. **Emily Short** whose mother, Teresa Hansen passed away this past week.

The Chancel flowers are:

In honor of Brian and Stephanie Metzger's 24th Wedding Anniversary.

In honor of Betsy (our 4th of July Firecracker!)

To the people of St. Paul's UMC: *I want to thank you for the many prayers and your support over the last 8 years as I have been on my journey to become an elder in the United Methodist Church. I also want to thank you for the gift of the stole that was placed on me as I was ordained. This stole will hold many memories of all of you as friends and brother's and sister's in Christ. God Bless, Bradley Luck*

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.

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.

Old pew envelopes are available to be used for crafting or

organizational purposes. Contact the office if you can make use of them, if not they will be recycled.

The 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, July 2, 2017 Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. – Worship

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

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 Independence Day

Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

Thursday, July 6, 2017

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

Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship

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