

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
**July 30, 2017**

**God's Kingdom comes to those who wait.**

Prelude

**\*Congregation please stand if able**

**\* The Call to Worship**      *Psalm 77:1-2, 11-2*      **Pg. 798**

**\*Hymn**      **Since Jesus Came into my Heart**      **(TFWS) No. 2140**

\* Entrance of the Light of Christ

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

**The Unison Prayer**

*Miraculous, wonderful One, come to us now. Pour out your grace and your love. Shower us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may become people of miracles – people filled with the laughter of hope.*

Silent Prayer    Morning Prayer    Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response    Seek Ye First      No. 405  
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

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      **Hymn of Praise**      **No. 707**

Scripture      Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Message      *Becoming a Good Waiter*      Rev. Evans C. Bentley

\*Hymn      **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations**      **No. 569**

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 Leader: Willie Lass

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

**Liturgist:** Willie Lass

**Acolytes:** Noah & Micaiah Ivey

### **Budget Information:**

Expenditures: \$192,823

Income \$154,197

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: \$38,626

## **Announcements**

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

**Flowers on the Altar are in celebration of Christopher and Julie Balk's 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which was July 19<sup>th</sup>. Love and Blessings; Mom**

**A Memorial Service** is being held for **Reathel (Braden) Letelier today at 3:00 at St. Paul's UMC**. Cards can be sent to her daughter, Kendra at 216 W. Willow Street Monroe, MI 48162

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

No one has signed up for the **Godworks meal on August 15**. If you and your group can serve a meal that evening, please sign up on the bulletin board or call Jeff Weaver.

**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](mailto:alisha@cooleyservices.com).

**Need any new knives (or a knife sharpener for your old ones)?** Did you know that the UMW sells Rade Knives – some of the best, inexpensive knives around. Stop in at the church office and shop from our collection. Everything from paring knives to butcher knives, and the best tomato slicer around!

**Thanks to those who have helped to weed and care for the flower beds**. However, there is still plenty of summer left and several opportunities to sign up to help. Thank You.

## **This Week at St. Paul's**

### **Sunday, July 30, 2017**

9:30 a.m. – Worship

3:00 p.m. – Memorial Service

### **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

Noon – Kiwanis Club

### **Thursday, August 3, 2017**

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

### **Sunday, August 6, 2017**

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Sunday Social