

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017

Serve with Love

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

***The Call to Worship** *Canticle of Love* **No. 646-647**

***Hymn** *Bind Us Together* **(TFWS) No. 2226**

* 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

As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention to the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life's journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life's challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **No. 117**
*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

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*

Scripture *Romans 12: 9-21*

Message A Compassionate Community Rev. Evans C. Bentley

***Hymn** *They'll Know We are Christians* **(TFWS) No. 2223**

Holy Communion

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All are welcome. Come to the altar at the directions of the ushers. You may kneel or stand upon reaching the rail. Let an usher know if you need to be served in your pew. Gluten-free bread is located in the small container in the serving tray.

***Hymn** *Surely the Presence of Lord* **No. 328**

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: Pascale Clevinger, Karen Zeestraten, Gordon Doster

Liturgist: Mary Anne Bair

Acolyte: Olivia Gladieux

Budget Information:

Expenditures:	\$217,676
Income	\$182,798
Endowment Income and 2016 Carryover used:	\$34,878

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, September 3, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship with Communion
10:30 a. m. – Social

Monday, September 4, 2017

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Meal

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club
6:15 p.m. – Praise Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 7, 2017

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers

Friday, September 8, 2017

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Wedding

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship
5:00 p.m. – UMYF Swim Party

Announcements

Rally Day is Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. We return to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship on that day also.

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

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Alexander Laird Leask, Son of Kyle and Alex Leask and Brother of Kelly Robert Leask. Grandparents are Sally and Kelly Leask and Great Grandparents are Laird and Marilyn Shingledecker .

Change in church office hours. The Pastor Parish Committee voted to change office hours, as our office manager Susan Paterson recovers from cancer treatment. The office hours will be 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The office is also seeking volunteers to answer the phone and open the door to members, on Monday and Friday, morning or afternoons. Call the office to volunteer.

St. Paul's Praise Ringers will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15 p.m. We are always open to new ringers. For more information call Cathy Brodie (734)755-9412.

SUNDAY SCHOOL leaders wanted! Do you hear the call? Join our Christian Education ministry by leading children's Sunday school. We are in need of leaders for middle and upper elementary grade classes. We need your help to make disciples of our kids! Please see Alisha Cooley or Pastor Bentley; or email:alisha@cooleyservices.com or call: church office 734-242-3000.

St. Paul's Church Conference will be held Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Pastor Parish Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. All members may vote on leadership and plans for the coming year.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) works wonders in every disaster. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's UMC with a memo for Hurricane Relief or send money directly to UMCOR P.O. Box 9068, NY, NY 10887 with the designation Advance Special # 901670

Leadership (Nominations) Committee will meet in the church library for one hour (or less); Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Bring names of those who you believe need a place of service to our church.

Hot chicken salad, sausage and sauerkraut, baked beans, make your own salad bar, and lots of yummy desserts! Plan to join the ladies of the UMW for food and fellowship on Thursday, September 14th, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. Bring your family and friends. The salad luncheon will support the Lord's Harvest Pantry and the Grand Rapids Community Center.

UMYF "Kick Off" POOL PARTY on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Holli and Jeff Weaver's home at 4100 S. Custer Rd. Pot luck, fun, friends and fellowship. Bring your friends and find out what UMYF is up to this year. For more info call: Willie Lass at 734-735-1669.