

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2017

The Church Equips The Saints for Holy Living.

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 145: 8-13* **No. 857**

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **No. 384**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation

(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

(9:00 a.m.) Teacher Appreciation Alisha Cooley, Education Director

The Unison Prayer

**At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom,
We offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings
and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for
teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for
all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of
failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self.
In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others
and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Breath on Me, Breath of God* **No. 420**

**Breath on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

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** *Jesu, Jesu* **No. 432**

(9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir Forth In The Name I Go
Eugene Butler

Scripture *Romans 13: 8-14*

Message School Supplies: Preparing God's children for the good life.
Rev. Evans C. Bentley

*** Hymn** *A Charge to Keep I Have* **No. 555**

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: 9:00 a.m. – John Salisbury, Obie Green, Jim Jacobs,
Mike McCain, Tom Myers, Jack Rayce
11:00 a.m. – Pascale Clevinger, Karen Zeestraten, Gordon Doster

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. – Paula Vergowven
11:00 a.m. – Julie Balk

Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. – Noah and Micaiah Ivey
11:00 a.m. – Kathryn and Sophia Short

Last week's attendance - 114

Budget Information:

Expenditures:	\$223,721
Income	\$181,409
Endowment Income and 2016 Carryover used:	\$42,312

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a. m. – Sunday School Rally Day
11:00 a.m. – Worship
2:00 p.m. – UMYF Pool Party @ The Weavers

Monday, September 11, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Eve Circle

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Board
6:00 p.m. – Community Meal
6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club
6:15 p.m. – Praise Ringers
7:00 p.m. – Leadership (Nominations) Committee
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Salad Luncheon

Friday, September 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 16, 2017

3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Wedding

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:00a.m.– Worship – Paula Vergowven Preaching
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship – Paula Vergowven Preaching
6:00 p.m. – UMYF

Announcements

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

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers **Ed Fairchild** who is having health issues. Prayers for all affected by Hurricane Irma.

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

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.

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.

It's finally here! Please join the women of the UMW this Thursday, September 14th, for **St. Paul's first salad luncheon of 2017.** The food will be plentiful and delicious. Come eat and fellowship with family and friends. We will serve from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. This salad luncheon will support the Lord's Harvest Pantry and the Grand Rapids Community Center.

The Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study held from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. will start September 27, 2017. Any questions feel free to call Carol Geal at (734)289-2765.

UMYF Cedar Point Weekend: Saturday, October 14th. Ticket prices to be established. We will need to have a count by October 1st. Info: Call Willie Lass (734) 735-1669

THE FALL SLATE is available for pickup in the atrium.

St. Paul's UMW will meet on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship and food!