

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017
“The Lord Put a New Song in my Mouth”
Psalm 40:3

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

*** The Call to Worship** *Psalm 40: 1-3* **No. 774**

***Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **No. 57**

* 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

Gracious and eternal God, we thank you for the privilege of being part of your church. You have created us with a diversity of gifts, perspectives, and potential, and you call us to be one in Christ. Empower us this day to live lives worthy of your gospel. Amen.

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *He Touched Me* **No. 367**

He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

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** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* **No. 514**

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

When Peace Like a River Dale Grotenhuis

Scripture Philippians 1:21-30

Message Singing in the Rain Rev. Evans C. Bentley

Reception of New Member: Denise Monday **Page 38**

Denise has attended worship here for several years. She lives on Hollywood Dr. and has been a resident of Monroe since 2004. She has a grown daughter and son and is a retired 1st and 2nd grade teacher from Airport School District. Denise is a volunteer with Hospice and loves to walk in nature.

*** Hymn** *When We All Get to Heaven* **No. 701**

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. – Dave Drumm, Robin Simonson,

Jane Drumm, Alisha Cooley

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Hamilton

11:00 a.m. – Julie Balk

Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. – Chloe Pabin & Olivia Gladieux

11:00 a.m. –

Last week's attendance - 266

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 235,705

Income \$ 193,871

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: \$ 41,834

Announcements

Please keep **Gary Doubler** in your thoughts and prayers this week. He is recovering from knee surgery at the Lutheran Home and also for healing prayers for **Cindy Bennis**, mother of **Kelly Vergowven**, who has suffered a stroke.

The flowers at the Chancel are given:

In celebration of the wedding anniversary of **Dale and Theresa Rathbun**.

Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, October 4th, 1:00 p.m. with our District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Spaw presiding. We will celebrate our ministry together and plan for the future and elect leadership. Pascale Clevenger is preparing a lunch for those who will stay after worship. Pastor Parish Committee will meet with the District Superintendent at 12:30 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Carol Geal at 289-2765 or Mary Kay Hamilton at 243-9487.

Know Human Trafficking...an Evening with Theresa Flores will be presented on **Monday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. at First UMC, 312 Harrison St. Monroe.** Free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Is someone in your family away at college or trade school, or in the military? Please give addresses to Colleen Baker, at ccwbaker@sbcglobal.net or (734) 735-0158, call or text. Care packages with snacks, school supplies, fresh cookies, and personal handmade greetings from the kids in Christ's Kids will be sent to our members living away from home in October. Please submit these addresses by **October 18th**.

Please join us at the **UMW Ann Arbor District Celebration on**

October 3 at Brighton First UMC beginning at 8:30 a.m. The day will be filled with leadership training, Haiti presentation, guest speaker Rev. Mark Spaw and a rep from Love, INC. They will be collecting new or gently used pots and pans, diapers, and laundry detergent. Also, in support of Ronald McDonald House, a collection of aluminum pop tabs or clean aluminum foil is being collected as well. Let Paula Vergowven know if interested in donating any of these items. More information will be posted on the bulletin board.

On October 24, 2015 the 42nd Annual Detroit Conference UMW Celebration will be held at Ferndale First UMC beginning at 8:30 a.m. This celebration includes all of Detroit Conference churches with a day filled with mission presentations, keynote speaker, praise and worship, Communion service, fun and fellowship. The ingathering project will benefit the local Methodist Children's Home Society. Registration information may be found on the bulletin board or see **Paula Vergowven** if you have any questions.

Lay Servant Ministries Fall Classes will be held on **Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, November 7th** at Marble UMC, 8 Park St., Milan MI. Registration forms and information are on the counter in St. Paul's office. Registration is due October 12th.

Mark your calendar... St. Paul's Salad Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$6.00.

Thank You for the donation of a couch and chair for the youth room from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Himebauch.

Thank you to Jerry Johnson and Willie Lass for sealing the parsonage blacktop driveway.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, September 27, 2015

9:00 p.m. –Worship with Kelly Vergowven preaching

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. – Worship with Kelly Vergowven preaching

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

6:00 p.m. – Community dinner

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

5:30 p.m. – Christ's Kids & Children's Choirs

5:30 p.m. – Youth Band Singers

6:15 p.m. – Praise Ringers

7:30 p.m. – Chancel choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. - Worship & Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion

12:30 p.m. – Staff Parish Relations meeting

1:00 p.m. – St. Paul's Annual Church Conference