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St. Paul's Newsletter

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"And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works..."  
Hebrews 10:24

## I Choose Church

Every day we have multiple opportunities to make choices in our journey of faith and life. The choices we make impact us and the world around us. Join us this month for our sermon series, **I Choose Church**, as we rediscover how we might make the choices that will have the greatest impact on our lives and the world around us.



**I Choose Church** is also the theme for our generosity campaign. When we choose this faith, this community, this church called "St. Paul's", we can truly be the change that we want to see in the world around us. We are so much stronger in all that we do together as the body of Christ. Throughout our campaign, you'll receive invitations to join us in celebrating as well as more information about how you are helping to inspire people to live and love like Jesus through our ministries at St. Paul's.

In addition to the Rummage Sale, S'more Church, Trick or Eat, and so much more this month, I hope that you will join us for worship and donuts on Commitment Sunday, October 22, as we offer our ministries and our estimates of giving for 2024. Choosing St. Paul's together with God's blessing, we can transform the world, one life at a time.

Blessings,  
*Elbert Dulworth*  
Senior Pastor



## S'more Church

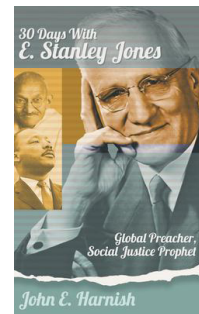
**Sunday October 15**  
**5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in South Parking Lot**  
Join us for S'more Church and some old-fashioned fun. We'll gather around a warm campfire, sing some old and new church camp songs, roast marshmallows, and enjoy tasty s'mores. **Invite a friend!**

## Guest Preacher October 29

### Way to Be

In Micah 6:8, we hear "[The Lord] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

On October 29, we're starting a new four-week sermon series entitled, **Way to Be**, with the Rev. Dr. Jack Harnish, pastor emeritus of Birmingham First, preaching **Be Just** and sharing with us an introduction to his new book, **Thirty Days with E. Stanley Jones: Global Preacher, Social Justice Prophet**.



Beginning November 7, you're invited to join Pastor Elbert on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. for a study using this book about one of the greatest evangelists in United Methodism.

## HARMONY IN THE HILLS



### Duo Clarion

#### Chad Burrow & Amy I-Lin Cheng

**Sunday, October 8**  
**4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**  
Please join us for a dual recital by Chad Burrow on clarinet and Amy I-Lin Cheng on piano with music by Beethoven, George, Baker, Morricone and Liverani. Suggested donation \$20.



## Poverty: A Conversation that Matters

**Saturday, September 30**  
**9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

What does it mean to live in poverty? What does poverty look like in the greater Rochester area? St. Paul's will host a program on poverty with guest speakers Umeika Stephens, family and psychiatric nurse practitioner, Cynthera McNeill, assistant Professor at Wayne State University, and Michael Dreon, Executive Director of Rochester Area Neighborhood House. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a simulation and ask questions during the program. **This is a free program that will be open to the public.** For additional information please contact Rachel Henry at [rachel@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:rachel@stpaulsrochester.org).



Celebrate the animals that make our lives special.



## Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday, October 7; 10 a.m. - noon outside Hickey Hall**  
All pets are welcome to receive an individual blessing but must be crated or leashed. Don't have a pet? Children are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal and receive a blessing. If your pet is elderly and might have trouble walking, your pet can stay in the car and we can still offer a blessing. If for some reason your pet cannot attend in person, bring a picture! Pets will receive a certificate and bag of treats. Invite your friends and family!

**Precious Pets Adoption League will have adoptable kittens and cats on site!** View the fur babies on [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com). For more info, contact Marilyn Kress at [marilyn.kress@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.kress@gmail.com) or 586-212-9065.

## Suicide Awareness

### with the Parent Gathering Group

**Sunday, October 22**  
**5 - 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel**

Join the Parent Gathering Group with Rev. Latha Ravi, Counselor at St. Paul's satellite Samaritan Counseling Center, to learn more about suicide and some of the warning signs we should look for. Attendees will have an opportunity to share concerns and how suicide in our community has impacted our youth and families. The program is for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone interested in learning more about suicide. Childcare will be provided for elementary aged children and youth will attend Youth Group. A light meal will be provided. For more information contact Rachel Henry at [Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Family Fun!

### Trick or Eat

**Sunday, October 29**  
**12 - 1:30 p.m. on the North Lawn**  
Join us for a day of fall fun! Come for worship at 9:30 or 11 a.m. and stay for Halloween fun including:

- Enjoy Trunk or Treating
- FREE Food
- Yard Games
- Wear your Halloween Costume
- Invite Friends!

\*Costumes are welcome during worship, too.

Youth will be accepting free will donations for the Youth Worktrip 2024.

## Classes & Groups

### Cancer Support Group

Tuesdays, September 26 - November 7  
7 p.m. in Room 128-129

This non-denominational support group is open to the community for cancer survivors, both those going through treatment now or in the past, as well as for family members, friends and caregivers. We would love to have you join us for as many of these meetings as you can make during the session. Each meeting includes a speaker on various topics followed by sharing time. The support and growth experienced in these groups is invaluable and amazing. For more information, call the church office at 248-651-9361.



### Membership Class Discover St. Paul's Sunday, October 1 5 p.m. in the Parlor

If you are new to St. Paul's, we would like to help you and your family connect with people in the church. Learn more about small groups and ministry teams that are offered, visit with the pastors, learn more about the United Methodist Church, and tour the building. We think you will discover St. Paul's is for you! We will welcome those who choose to become members at a future worship service. A light meal will be provided. Sign up at either Welcome Center or call the office at 248-651-9361.

Children are invited to stay with their parents. Activity packets will be available. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Kress at [marilyn.kress@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.kress@gmail.com) or 586-212-9065.

### Belonging and Beloved: The Book of Philippians Mondays, October 2 - 23; 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Room 132

Join Rev. Rick Kress for a study of the book of Philippians, a book that features a young church facing problems, and Paul's pastoral advice for how to make their way as Christians. It is about belonging to a church community and to Christ, while treating one another as God treats us— as the beloved. Full of practical advice, Philippians is an inspirational book for modern readers. There is no text except for the Bible. It's an inductive Bible study, meaning that we delve into the text itself, rather than a book's interpretation of it.



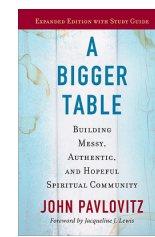
### J.O.Y. Just Older Youth

Tuesday, October 17; 12 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Everyone 60+ is "just older youth", so please join us for as we write notes to the members of St. Paul's who are on our "Staying Connected" list. The fellowship is great and new friends soon become family. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, water and dessert will be provided.

### A Bigger Table

Tuesdays, through October 24  
6 - 7 p.m. in the Parlor



Join Pastor Elbert this fall for a six-week study as we wrestle with how to create a culture of belonging while inspiring people to live and love like Jesus. Together we'll read and discuss John Pavlovitz'

book, **A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community**. Please contact Rachel Henry at [Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org) or 248-651-9361 to register.



### SPARK Book Group

Thursday, October 19

1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Join us as we read *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zebein. We welcome new members! Contact Linda Burnard at 248-765-5511.

### UWF Book Club

Thursday, October 26

6:30 - 8 p.m. in Room 132

Join us for a discussion of *How to Live in a Chaotic Climate: 10 Steps to Reconnect with Ourselves, Our Communities, and Our Planet* by Laura Schmidt with Aimee Lewis Reau & Chelsie Rivera. For more information contact Pastor April at [AGutierrez@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:AGutierrez@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Classes & Groups

### United Methodist

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 7  
8 a.m. in the Parlor

Join us for the first meeting of the Fall. **All men are invited** to join us for a delicious breakfast, brotherhood and our guest presenter Rev. Elbert with devotion from Rev. Rick. No RSVP necessary. Contact Dave deSteiger at 248-376-0416.



### Beer & Hymns

Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m.

Gus O'Connor's Public House  
324 S. Main Street, Rochester

Sing along with the worship band. The Open Door will provide appetizers. Participants buy their own drinks.

### United Women in Faith

We Believe Love in Action Can Change the World

#### October Circle Meetings

- All Circles - Help with Rummage Sale
  - New Hope Circle - Thursday, October 5 at 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel Discuss *Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Change Sings*.
- Executive Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 19; 9 a.m. in the Parlor.



### 2023 Fall Rummage Sale

Friday,  
October 13

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday,  
October 14

9 a.m. - noon

Join in this GIANT Mission Project!



#### Drop off Days:

Monday, Oct 9; 5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 10; 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Hickey Hall drop off** — adult clothing/shoes, jewelry, all household items, small furniture  
**Lower level drop off** — children's clothing, toys, baby items, books/media, holiday decorations, crafts

#### These items do not sell and incur disposal costs so we can not accept:

Large furniture (including entertainment centers, mattresses, sofas, china cabinets, large desks), televisions, computers, printers, computer components, car seats, large appliances, batteries, tires, waterbeds, built-in-type appliances, air conditioners, building supplies, storm windows, non-working electrical appliances, old textbooks, or magazines. We cannot accept cribs due to government regulations.

#### We Need Your Time

Please give a few hours  
Monday, October 9 through Saturday, October 14. Scan QR code to sign up.



### HUGS. Humor, Understanding, Growth and Support

For mothers and grandmothers of all ages

Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Room 132

Oct 4 **If I Knew Then What I Know Now** Veteran moms share wisdom and love.

Oct 11 **Rummage Sale** Help sort and organize and do a little pre-shopping as well! Childcare is available for this week. Questions? Contact Kathy Lutey at [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com).

Oct 18 **Is It Normal When...** Occupational therapists, talk about ages/stages of development and tips for challenges with the toddler/early elementary ages.

Oct 25 **Love & Logic Primer** Build healthy relationships with kids while setting firm, loving limits that turn challenges into better behavior choices. Check it out and get some helpful parenting tips. Stay for **Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH** 11:30-12:45. Bring one ingredient to include in a potluck salad - there is a signup for ingredients.

See [stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/](http://stpaulsrochester.org/calendar/) for more detailed information. Scan QR code to reserve childcare. HUGS observes the Rochester Community Schools calendar. When schools are closed, HUGS will not meet.



# Mission Corner

Thank you, St. Paul's!

## MC2023 Mission Accomplished!

**Raised \$25,000 for Improvements to Henri Dennis School**

Because of your generous support for our 10-week challenge running June 19 - August 27 and matching funds, we reached our goal.

This money will provide for many updates to the Henri Dennis School campus including **improvements to the library, science laboratory and computer laboratory** including new computers and air conditioning.



## St. Paul's Sponsors Scare Away Hunger

St. Paul's recently agreed to be a sponsor for the Scare Away Hunger 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run that Neighborhood House is hosting on October 8. Thanks once again to the generosity of our congregation we will be providing a \$5,000 (Platinum-Level) sponsorship.



5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run

## Scare Away Hunger

Sunday October 8

9 a.m. in Rochester Municipal Park

Whether you are a casual walker or a running enthusiast, join us in helping in Neighborhood House's vision of a community of neighbors helping neighbors on the path of self-sustainability. Participants are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes! Proceeds from this event will help our neighbors with food insecurities and during times of hardship. Scan QR Code to register.



## Hats & Gloves for Baldwin

During the winter months there is a great need for hats and mittens at Baldwin Mission and Neighborhood House. For many years the United Women in Faith has donated hats and gloves that they buy at a discount from Broner Hat Company to maximize our donation. **UWF welcomes any donations to help us continue this ministry.** Please make checks to UWF with 'hats and gloves' in the memo line and mail to 620 Romeo St. Rochester, MI 48307 or donate online at [stpaulsrochester.org](http://stpaulsrochester.org). If you donate online, email Lynn Loeb [lmloeb@gmail.com](mailto:lmloeb@gmail.com) so she can track your donation.

Many thanks from the United Women in Faith.



Almost There!

## Eagle Scout Project Update

**New Firepit to be built for St. Paul's**

Will Obrzut, a Boy Scout and member of St. Paul's youth group has proposed a plan to build a firepit on St. Paul's campus for his Eagle Scout Project. We are almost to our goal of \$2000. Will still needs \$350 to finance the project. The scheduled date for installation is October 21. Please support this great project which will provide many opportunities for fellowship, outreach, and fun right here at St. Paul's.

# Children & Youth



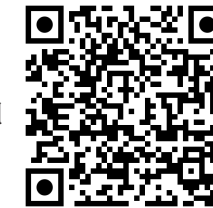
## Third Grade Bibles

Sunday, October 1

9:30 & 11 a.m. services

Each fall, St.

Paul's honors



our third graders by presenting them with their own Bible, inscribed with their name. Scan the QR code to indicate which worship service you will be attending and how you would like your child's name inscribed. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please contact Amy Heitman at [Amy@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Amy@stpaulsrochester.org).



## Third Thursday Dinner Out

Thursday, October 19

6:30 p.m. at Bangkok Cuisine, 727 N. Main St., RH

All High School youth are welcome for a FREE dinner out. Bring friends and a big appetite.

## Parent Group

Sunday,

October 15 & 22

5 p.m. in the Parlor

Parents of youth are

invited to drop your

child at youth group

and join us. We'll connect with others, worship and

enjoy a nice meal. On October 15 we will join with

S'more Church and on October 22 we will learn

more about suicide and some of the warning signs

from Rev. Latha Ravi from Samaritan Counseling.

Programming will be available for elementary age

students on October 22. **Scan the QR code to reserve childcare.**

Reservations required for children

5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. Email

[Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:Rachel@stpaulsrochester.org) for

more information.



## MS Youth Group

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders & their friends

Sundays; 5 - 7 p.m. Hickey Hall

Oct 1

YouLead

Youth Potluck

Oct 8

No Youth Group

Oct 15

S'more Church

Oct 22

Road Rally

Oct 29

Blake's Big Apple Haunted Attractions

(See below)



## HS Youth Group

All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders & their friends

Sundays; 5 - 7 p.m. in the Lounge

Oct 1

YouLead, Youth Potluck, Worktrip Mtg

Oct 8

No Youth Group

Oct 15

S'more Church

Oct 22

Road Rally

Oct 29

Blake's Big Apple Haunted Attractions

(See below)

## Blake's Big Apple Haunted Attractions

Sunday, October 29, 5 - 8 p.m.

Drop-off & Pick-up at St. Paul's Hickey Hall Entrance

All MS and HS students and their friends are invited

to join us for lots of fall fun! **You MUST RSVP to Jodi**

**Stuermer at [jodi@stpaulsrochester.org](mailto:jodi@stpaulsrochester.org) by September**

**24.** Tickets are \$10.



## High School Worktrip

### Parent Information Meeting

Sunday, October 1; 5 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Our summer worktrip is a life changing experience

for both youth and adult volunteers. This trip gives

our teenagers an opportunity to invest in something

bigger than themselves, explore a new area, and bond

with other youth. Parents and students, please come

to this informational meeting to learn about our 2024

trip. We will discuss fundraisers, expenses, and other

details about this week of service.



### Holy Communion World Communion Sunday

October 1 at 9:30 & 11 a.m. services

The sacrament of Holy Communion celebrates the presence of Christ and helps us find strength for Christian living. In the United Methodist Church, communion is open to all who intend to lead a Christian life.



### Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, October 8

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the Narthex

Stop by to have your blood pressure checked.



### Marriage Renewal Service

Sunday, October 8; 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, etc. (in 5 year increments), or any anniversary over 50 years, are invited to participate. Call the office at 248-651-9361 by **Wednesday, September 27** to have names printed in the worship program.



### Upcoming Baptism Sunday, November 26

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an important event in the life of a child and the Church. Baptism is open to children and adults. For more information, contact the office at 248-651-9361.



### Halloween Candy Leftovers

If you don't give out all of your candy **donate it to us!** We will send it off to our college students. Drop candy in the church office or in Room 206.



## Rummage Sale

Drop off days:

Monday, October 9  
5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sale Days:

Friday, October 13  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 14  
9 a.m. - noon

Volunteers always needed!

Email [drlutey2@wowway.com](mailto:drlutey2@wowway.com).

See more Rummage Sale information on page 5.



## Looking Ahead...

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> UMM Breakfast
- Support for Caregivers
- 5<sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday
- HITH Concert Ivan Zenaty
- 7<sup>th</sup> Beer & Hymns
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Conference
- 12<sup>th</sup> People of Faith @ St. Paul's
- 15<sup>th</sup> Early Bird Men's Group
- 16<sup>th</sup> SPARK Book Group
- UWF Book Club
- 19<sup>th</sup> That Takes the Cake Sale
- 21<sup>st</sup> Just Older Youth
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Thanksgiving
- Church closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> Church closed
- 26<sup>th</sup> Baptism
- 27<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive



## SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

The Open Door Service  
9:30 a.m. in Hickey Hall

Traditional Service  
11 a.m. in Sanctuary

### I Choose Church

1	1 Kings 17:8-16	A Widow's Choice	Rev. Kress
8	Marriage Renewal		
	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	A Church's Choice	Rev. Dulworth
15	Matthew 6:19-21	Our Heart's Choice	Rev. Dulworth
22	Generosity Sunday		
	Matthew 14:22-33	An "All In" Choice	Rev. Dulworth
29	Way to Be · Trick or Eat		
	Micah 6:8; Luke 18:1-8	Just Be	Rev. Dr. Harnish

## SERMON SERIES October