



St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Inspiring people to live and love like Jesus!

Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

11 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude	Though I May Speak (Wood)	
Chimes		
*Processional Hymn	Ye Servants of God	#181
Word of Welcome & Announcements		
Opening Prayer		
	Silent Prayers of Confession and Intercession	
	Words of Assurance	
	The Lord's Prayer	#895
Children's Moment	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (as children come forward)	#277 vs.1
	(Children may be escorted by their adult to room 125 for Sunday school)	
*Psalter	Psalms 105:1-11	#828
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version	#881
*Gloria Response	Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above	#126 vs. 1
Hymn	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	#557
Pastoral Prayer		
	Response <i>This is our prayer, O Lord</i>	#487
Offering Invitation		
	Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth (J. Rutter)	St. Paul's Choir
	*Doxology	#95
	*Offering Prayer	
*Scripture Lesson	Romans 12:9-21	
Sermon	Where You Belong: Finding Unity in a Diverse World	Rev. Elbert Dulworth
*Recessional Hymn	Let There Be Peace On Earth	#431
*Benediction		
	Choral Response Let Us Now Depart in Peace	#668
*Postlude	Toccata (G. Young)	

*Please stand as you are able

†All hymns are found in the red hymnal, unless otherwise stated.

Livestreaming is available in room 118 for nursing mothers.

Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of our leaders and volunteers.



What's Happening at St. Paul's



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.

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? How does it affect physical and mental health? What does poverty look like in the greater Rochester area? St. Paul's Adult Ministries, Health Ministries and Stephen Ministries will host a program on poverty with three guest speakers including Michael Dreon, the Executive Director of Rochester Area Neighborhood House. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a simulation and ask questions during the program. Visit SPENT at playspent.org to understand what it is like to experience poverty. This is a free program that will be open to the public. Contact Rachel Henry at 248-651-9361 for more information.



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 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.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7; 10 a.m. - noon outside Hickey Hall

Celebrate the animals that make our lives special. 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. Precious Pets Adoption League will have adoptable kittens and cats on site! View the fur babies on petfinder.com. 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! For more information, contact Marilyn Kress at 586-212-9065 or marilyn.kress@gmail.com.



Third Grade Bibles
Sunday, October 8; 9:30 & 11 a.m. services

Third graders will receive their Bibles on October 7 during worship. If you would like your child to receive a bible, please contact Amy Heitman at Amy@stpaulsrochester.org.

Harmony in the Hills Concert
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.



S'more Church
Sunday, October 15
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the South Parking Lot

Join us for "S'more" Church. Gather around a warm campfire, sing some old and new campfire songs, roast marshmallows and make tasty s'mores!

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.



Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Jack Harnish
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.

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Please note St. Paul's worship services are livestreamed and recorded. They can be viewed through the website.



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House of The Lord		Open Door Band
Personal Welcome		Worship Leader
Blessed Be Your Name		Open Door Band
Statement of Values/Who We Are		Ambassador
Offertory Invitation		
I Speak Jesus		Open Door Band
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture	Romans 12:9-21	Rev. Elbert Dulworth
Message	Where You Belong: Finding Unity in a Diverse World	Rev. Elbert Dulworth
Prayer after Sermon		
Graves Into Gardens		Open Door Band
Get Connected		Ambassador
Benediction/Blessing		