

the EVANGEL

St. Paul's Newsletter

March 2024



St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

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Pastor's Message

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

Mark 16:3-4, NRSV



What good are you up to?

Can you imagine the shock and grief of the women as they approached the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning? They knew what to expect. The stone was heavy and they weren't sure who might be able to open up the tomb. Yet, when they looked up, the stone was already rolled back. Nothing was as they had expected. Resurrection had caught them by surprise.

As we journey through this Lenten season, we are invited to think about the good that we're up to. Whether it is a new mission opportunity, walking with confirmands, youth, and young adults, ringing bells, inviting a friend to Beer & Hymns, or even listening to the voices of our children's and youth choirs, we've given witness to new life all around us in a world where too often expect to see sealed tombs.

Preparing for the hope and new life that is Easter, let's continue to invite others to join us as we look up and find the hope that is new life. From Palm Sunday parades to lilies and musicians trumpeting Easter's resurrection joy, there's plenty of opportunity to invite friends and loved ones to join us. With Maundy Thursday communion, Faure's *Requiem* on Good Friday, and Easter celebrations including a sunrise service with our youth, may we come to proclaim with renewed hope, "Christ is Risen, indeed!"

Blessings,
Elbert Dulworth
Senior Pastor

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday **March 24**

9:30 a.m. Open Door Worship in Hickey Hall & Livestream
10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt South lawn near playground
11 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

Holy Thursday **March 28**

7 p.m. Worship in Hickey Hall

Good Friday **March 29**

7 p.m. Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Faure's *Requiem* featuring St. Paul's choir,
Rochester University Choral Union & orchestra

Easter Sunday **March 31**

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service under the Portico
9:30 a.m. Open Door Worship in Hickey Hall
11 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
with orchestra and choirs



HARMONY IN THE HILLS



Lenten Concert Series

Fridays at Noon in the Sanctuary

Add something special to your Lenten Fridays by attending these 30-minute concerts. Free admission.

- March 1 Christa Grix, harp
- March 8 Christopher Harding, piano
- March 15 Amanda Ross, trumpet

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, March 29
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Observe Good Friday by attending this moving Tenebrae service featuring St. Paul's choir and orchestra with Rochester University Choral Union performing Faure's *Requiem*.



Mission Challenge 2024

Raise \$20,000 for Lighthouse Family Shelter in Pontiac

Mission Council is pleased to announce the 2024 Missions Project. Lighthouse Family Shelter will use our \$20,000 donation to convert bathrooms on the first floor to make them wheelchair accessible. Lighthouse Family Shelter houses 18 families, on average 60 people. The Family Shelter is intended to be a short-term fix, with the goal being to set the families up with permanent housing. Upon their arrival the families are assigned a case worker who helps them during the transition. The program has a 95% success rate for families staying in the permanent housing for two years after assignment. **We look forward to supporting Lighthouse throughout the year with various projects.**

Easter Baskets for Neighborhood House

Deliver to Narthex by March 10

St. Paul's Mission Council will be collecting Easter baskets to be given to Rochester Area Neighborhood House clients. Baskets are needed for all age groups from toddler to teens. Please use your own judgment and creativity when you are assembling the baskets. **Please cover baskets with cellophane**, so items do not fall out of the baskets. Baskets should contain:



- 6-12" chocolate bunny
- wrapped candy
- age-appropriate toys and books
- \$5 gift cards (for teens)

Label basket with age (preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, High School).

Parent Gathering Group - Rescheduled

A Conversation about Trauma

Sunday, March 10; 5 - 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel



What is trauma? What are the different types of trauma and how do we talk about trauma to our youth and children? Rev. Latha Ravi, the counselor at our satellite Samaritan Counseling Center, will provide valuable information and answer any questions you may have. **All are welcome** to join us for this very important topic.

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Collecting bags will be provided for all hunters. Dress for the weather because we will hunt rain or shine or snow.

Classes & Groups



Come together with other women to make a friend... be a friend... laugh... dig into God's Word together and discover new ways to Live In Faith Everyday.

Women's LIFE Friday

Fridays through March 22

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor or on Zoom

Join us at 9:15 a.m. for social time

Join us as we continue our study of *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* by Magrey deVega. The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. Contact Nancy Fidler at 248-933-1981 or nnfidler@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministries All are Welcome!

Tuesday, March 12 in Room 132

Prayer Shawls

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Quilt & Handmade Treasures

2:30 - 4 p.m.



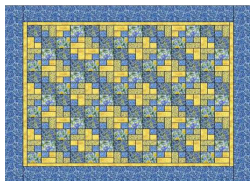
We knit or crochet and bless the Prayer Shawls which were created in the past month. Supplies are available.

Quilters will be creating a project in which you can

participate with or without sewing machines.

All are welcome even if you wish to learn.

Please contact Donna Heflin at 248-505-6413 or Heflin.donnaj@gmail.com with questions.



J.O.Y. Just Older Youth

Tuesday, March 19; 12 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Sixty plus? Just Older Youth is the place to be! We meet at noon with a brown bag lunch; coffee and dessert provided. We will be welcoming spring and looking forward as we plan the programs for the months ahead. **Please join us!**



Beer & Hymns

Tuesday, March 19

7 p.m. at Gus O'Connor's

324 S. Main Street, Rochester

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

United Methodist Men

Saturday, March 2

8 a.m. in Hickey Hall

All men are welcome to join us for breakfast and brotherhood. No RSVP necessary. Invite a guest!

Join us! Contact Dave deSteiger at 248-376-0416 for more information.



SPARK Book Group

Thursday, March 21

1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

We welcome new members! Join us as we discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. If you have questions, call Linda Burnard at 248-765-5511.



UWF Book Club

Thursday, March 21

6 - 7:30 p.m. Room 132

Join us for a discussion of *The 1619 Project: A New*

Origin Story by Nikol Hannah-Jones.

Please contact Nancy Shannon at nancgs@aol.com with questions.



Seeker's Study

Mondays, until March 25

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Parlor and Zoom

Please join us as we

continue our Lenten study

of *Remember: God's Covenant and the Cross* by Susan Robb. Contact Rev. Judy May at 586-242-1555 with questions.



HUGS

For mothers & grandmothers of all ages
Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Room 132

Mar 6 Lenten Prayer Service 10 a.m. in Rickard Chapel See information at right.

Mar 13 Outreach Project Create spring/ Easter cards for St. Paul shut-ins and other folks that might need a bit of love. We will provide pre-made cards and cardstock to create custom cards if you wish. You may bring stickers or ink stamps to decorate custom cards.

Mar 20 March Madness

It's on everyone's mind right now. Whether you like to avoid it, play it, watch it, or just endlessly fill in and refill brackets; basketball is the sport of the moment. What happens when you combine your love of basketball and our goal of changing our world view to a Word view? A bracket of Biblical passages vying for the top spot in the HUGS bracket and the promise of guiding our studies for next year! Come and find out what exciting things are on the horizon for us. **LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Stay for soup & salad and extend the fellowship. Bring one lunch ingredient and have your little ones join us for lunch and conversation.

Mar 27 NO HUGS - RCS Spring Break

Scan QR code to reserve childcare.

See the calendar at stpaulsrochester.org for more detailed information.

HUGS observes the Rochester Community Schools calendar. When schools are closed, HUGS will not meet.



United Women in Faith

We Believe Love in Action Can Change the World
March Circle Meetings

- **Faith Circle** - Wednesday, March 13 at 1 p.m. in the Library.
- **Patience Circle** - Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 in the Parlor - Learn about the church kitchen.
- **New Hope Circle** - Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel Program TBD.



Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, April 18; 9:30 a.m. in Room 132.

Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

Hosted by the United Women in Faith

Lenten Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 6; 10 a.m. in Rickard Chapel

Please join us for a time of peaceful prayer and reflection. Rev. Judy May and Jeanne Pichel will bless us with a special message of hope during this Lenten season. Please email your individual prayer requests to Amy Lundquist at calund2@yahoo.com by March 3. **Come and be refreshed.**



That Takes the Cake Sale

Sunday, March 24

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Narthex

Homemade coffee cakes will be for sale. Proceeds support UWF Missions locally and around the world. **Drop off coffee cakes Saturday, March 23; 12 - 2 p.m. in the Narthex.** Call Jane Chamberlain at 586-323-2537 to sign up as a baker.



HUGS Monthly Mission

Warming Hearts with Soup

Bring cream of mushroom, tomato, vegetable, beef varieties and beef stock each week in March and we'll take them to the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry at the end of the month.



Please Remember...

Remember our Older Members

Send a card letting them know that you are remembering them and praying for them. Our older members get so much enjoyment from reading all of the notes and cards.



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Earl & Jean Bryant
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Warm Coats for Baldwin Drop off donations by March 3

In the past 12 years, the generous congregation of St. Paul's has donated approximately 2400 new winter coats for the Baldwin Center store where clients "shop" for their family members before Christmas. Members of our congregation who volunteer at the store report that the coats are some of the first things chosen.

Please shop the post-holiday sales and purchase coats for next year's store. All sizes, infant through adult, are needed. Cash donations are also accepted. Please write "Coats for Baldwin" on the memo line of your check. **Drop off donations in the Narthex February 4 - March 3.** Contact Roxanne Cleveland at 248-371-0382 with questions. **Thank you for helping us make a difference in our local community.**

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m. in Hickey Hall

11 a.m. in Sanctuary

Children will worship with their families on Easter. Children's activities will be available from our ushers and ambassadors but feel free to bring busy bags from home if you would like.



Middle School Youth Group

All 6th - 8th graders and their friends

Sundays 5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Mar 3	Scavenger Hunt
Mar 10	YouLead
Mar 17	Surprise
Mar 24 & 31	No youth group

High School Youth Group

All 9th - 12th graders and friends Sundays, 5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Mar 3	Scavenger Hunt
Mar 10	YouLead
Mar 17	Surprise
Mar 24 & 31	No youth group

No matter what the activity, laughter is guaranteed! Dinner \$5

Worktrip Parent/Student Meeting

Sunday, March 17; 5 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Worktrippers and parents will have a short meeting to discuss the summer trip. Payment is due.



Club 45

Sunday, March 10; 5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Help us stuff eggs for the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and stay for a devotion and dinner. Pick up and drop off in Hickey Hall. Please RSVP to Amy Heitman at Amy@stpaulsrochester.org.



Third Thursday Dinner Out

Thursday, March 21; 6:30 p.m. Shish Palace
165 S. Livernois Rd., Rochester Hills

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



St. Paul's Scholarship

Scholarships are available to eligible members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church who have demonstrated service to the church or community. Scholarships may be used for tuition or room and board at an accredited college or university, vocational program, apprenticeship or training program.

The application process for the St. Paul's Scholarship is now **exclusively online!** Paper applications will not be accepted. Scan the QR code to access the online application form.



St. Paul's United Women in Faith Scholarship

St. Paul's UWF offer scholarships for women and youth members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 will be available for higher education and summer camp.

Application Deadline is April 15 Applications available at stpaulsrochester.org.



St. Paul's Preschool Register for Fall 2024

Mommy & Me for 2's: F 9:30 - 11 a.m.
 Young Preschool: T, Th 9 a.m. - noon
 Preschool: M, W, F 9 a.m. - noon
 Pre-K: M - F 9 a.m. - noon

St. Paul's provides Christian-based, high-quality learning with emphasis on the individuality of each child. Our qualified teaching staff will engage your child in hands-on experiences and exploration activities that nurture their basic developmental needs: physical, language, cognitive, social, and emotional. **Schedule a tour today!**
 Apply Online at stpaulsrochester.org/preschool.

Holy Communion



March 3
 9:30 a.m. Hickey Hall
 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary

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.



Orders due March 11

Easter Lily Orders

Help decorate the church and memorialize or honor loved ones by purchasing an Easter lily. After services on Easter, plants may be picked up or donated to be delivered to homebound members. Place your order online at stpaulsrochester.org or find forms in the kiosk in the Narthex or in the church office. You may also call 248-651-9361 to order. **Lilies are \$15 each.**



Upcoming Baptisms April 14

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



Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, March 10
 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Narthex
 Find answers and see examples of proper food choices regarding diabetes and pre-diabetes.

Blood Drive

Monday, March 18
 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Hickey Hall



The need for blood is great all year long. Schedule an appointment by calling Bill Molloy at 248-892-1705 or go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code 'stpaulunited'.

SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

The Open Door Service • Traditional Service
 9:30 a.m. in Hickey Hall 11 a.m. in Sanctuary

3	Communion • Third Sunday in Lent	John 2:13-22	What R U up 2? Raise Up	Rev. Dulworth
10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 3:14-21	What R U up 2? Light Up	Rev. May
17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 12:20-33	What R U up 2? Lift Up	Rev. Dulworth
24	Sixth Sunday in Lent • Egg Hunt	John 12:12-16	What R U up 2? Sit Up	Rev. Dulworth
31	Easter • 7:30 a.m. Sunrise • 9:30 a.m. Open Door • 11 a.m. Traditional	Mark 16:1-8	What R U up 2? Look Up	Rev. Dulworth

SERMON SERIES March

Looking Ahead... April

- 6nd UMM Breakfast
- Support For Caregivers
- 14th HITH Concert
- 16th JOY - Just Older Youth
- 18th Spark Book Group
- UWF Book Club
- 22nd Blood Drive
- 23rd Social Media Seminar