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St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Pastor's Message

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* Isaiah 43:19, RSV

Waymakers

For over 166 years, St. Paul's has been making a way for people to experience the life-transforming love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. In very tangible ways, we make God's love real through excellence in worship and music ministries, faith developing children's and youth ministries, and life-transforming missions and service. We make a way for people to grow in their love of God as we seek to grow together in our love for our neighbor. Together, with God's help, we are waymakers.

This month, I hope that you'll join us as we reach out to our community and our world with the gospel of love. In addition to a month of inspiring worship opportunities, we offer an exciting schedule of concerts such as the one for Harmony in the Hills on October 20. Join us after the concert for S'more Church as we roast marshmallows at the firepit together.



In this month, let's consider how we make a way for others to experience God's great love through our support of the ministries of St. Paul's. We hope you'll join us in reading a daily devotional and prayerfully seeking God on how to support the ministries of the church in the coming year. In fact, **we have an audacious goal of 100% participation** in our Generosity Campaign. Can you imagine how we might transform the world if all of us were praying and seeking God's guidance about supporting the ministries of St. Paul's? God will certainly make a way each of us, together. You can find out more about our Waymaker's Generosity Campaign and how you can join us in our daily devotional on our website (scan QR code). We also have a prayer vigil scheduled for Saturday, October 26.



Most importantly, please join us during worship Sunday, October 27, as we prayerfully offer our estimates of giving for 2025. Following our services from noon to 1:30 p.m., you won't want to miss out on Trick or Eat, our fall harvest gathering here at St. Paul's. It's filled with lots of food and fun.

Blessings,
Elbert Dulworth
Senior Pastor



Serve as a Stephen Minister

Training Class begins Monday, October 14

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Macomb Christian Church, Shelby Township

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. **Will you consider serving in this way?**

A training class will be starting Monday, October 14 at Macomb Christian Church. You will meet with other trainees and our Stephen Leaders once a week for 18 weeks, with commissioning in spring 2025.

Applications are now available in the church office or at stpaulsrochester.org. Application deadline is October 1.
Come, join this rewarding and worthwhile ministry.

HARMONY IN THE HILLS



October Concert

Alta Dantzler soprano & **Drake Dantzler** tenor
Sunday, October 20 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for an exceptional afternoon with acclaimed vocalists and faculty members of Oakland University who will delight audiences with a taste of opera and operetta. You won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy these talented artists. **Free admission.**



S'more Church

Sunday October 20

4:30 - 6 p.m. at the St. Paul's Firepit

After the concert, 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!**



Family Fun!

Trick or Eat

Sunday, October 27

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 2025.



Prayer and Anointing

First Sunday of the Month

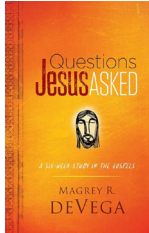
On the first Sunday of each month after worship, our Stephen Ministers, Emmaus reunion groups and PrayerWorks Ministry will

provide the opportunity for personal prayer for all that is heavy on your heart. We hope that those who are hurting emotionally, relationally, spiritually, financially, socially, morally, physically, or in any other way will come for prayer. If you have messed up or need direction, we can pray. No judgment, just prayer. If you have a burden for our children, our schools, our country, our world, or other concern, let us pray with you.

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 October 18

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

Questions Jesus Asked: A Six-week Study in the Gospels by Magrey R. deVega. We continue to explore six questions Jesus asked his disciples which still pertain now, such as: Who do you say I am? Why are you afraid?

Why are you anxious? What do you live for? Books are not required but can be ordered online. Contact Nancy Fidler at 248-933-1981 or nnfidler@gmail.com.



J.O.Y. Just Older Youth

Tuesday, October 15; 12 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Just Older Youth will meet for a brown bag lunch; coffee and dessert provided. Everyone sixty plus is invited to share food, fellowship and service projects involving our "Keeping in Touch" friends who can no longer attend worship or be involved

in other church programs. Bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome to be part of this **Joyful Youth Group!**



UWF Book Club

Thursday, October 17; 6 p.m. in Room 132

Join us for a discussion of *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne* by Wilda C. Gafney. Please contact Nancy Shannon at nancgs@aol.com with questions.



Seeker's Study

Mondays, October 21 - November 25

1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to a new study of **Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place** by Rev. Josh Scott. This work looks at verses in scripture we know by heart, but may not

know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Scott helps us examine the biblical context and teaches us the historical and cultural world from which they come. Are the familiar texts saying what we thought or were told they were saying? Come join us as we discover "pretext", "proof text" or God's living and challenging Word. All are welcome...we've never met a stranger!

United Methodist

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 5

8 a.m. in the Parlor

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and brotherhood. No RSVP necessary. Invite a guest. **Join us!** Contact Dave deSteiger at 248-376-0416.



Sunday Adult Studies

Sunday mornings

Faith & Friends Spiritual

Growth - All are welcome

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 132

Join this warm, inviting group with diverse views on life and theology. Contact Peter Marsh at 586-713-5392.

Family Life Active Couples and Singles, 50 & older

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. in Rickard Chapel

Over 50? Looking for a caring Christian fellowship with a good sense of humor? Join us! Contact Kathy Swisher at swish1770@aol.com.

Oct 6 Mary Watson

Oct 13 Pastor Rick Kress

Oct 20 Chris Laird - My Job as a Social Worker

Oct 27 NO CLASS



SPARK Book Group

Thursday, October 17

1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Join us as we read *The Last Carolina Girl* by Meagan Church. We welcome new members! Contact Linda Burnard at 248-765-5511.

HUGS Mission Moment

Charlotte's Wings

September through December we will collect NEW children's books for Charlotte's Wings to be given to ailing children in hospitals and hospice care in Michigan.

"By giving books, Charlotte's Wings endeavors to bring sick children a smile, a dream, or an escape from an unfortunate reality. Whether a child is facing something as benign as tonsillitis or as severe as a terminal disease, a book can provide encouragement and comfort to a sick child during a challenging and frightening period."

Bring donations to HUGS or drop them off at Sue's house (4657 Fawn Hill Ct. Rochester) or Steph's house (163 Sugar Pine Rd, RH).

For more information on this incredible organization, go to charlottes-wings.com/



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 3 at 7 p.m. in Rickard Chapel for our book discussion.

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, October 17; 9 a.m. in Room 132.



2024 Fall Rummage Sale

**Friday,
October 11**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday,
October 12**

9 a.m. - noon

Join in this GIANT Mission Project!



Drop off Days:

Monday, Oct 7; 5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 8; 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

We Need Your Time

Please give a few hours
Monday, October 7 through Saturday, October 12.
Scan QR code to sign up.



These items do not sell and incur disposal costs so we cannot 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.



HUGS. Humor, Understanding, Growth and Support

For mothers and grandmothers of all ages

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

Oct 2 Crucial Conversations: Is it normal when... We all have those moments when we wonder if our kids are on track, need a helping hand or are simply wonderfully unique.

Oct 9 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.

Oct 16 Field Trip – OFF Campus –Goodison Cider Mill (4295 Orion Road Rochester, 48306) Please join us at 10 a.m. Bring little ones — there are plenty of helping hands!

Oct 23 Breath Prayers We will explore a meaningful way to be faithful in prayer every day that is so quick and easy we can complete it in-between the myriad of tasks we complete every day!

Oct 30 Halloween Party Let's embrace joy and have an old school party to celebrate the end of October and approach the chaos of the upcoming holidays. Stay for **Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH** 11:30-12:45. Bring one ingredient to include in a potluck salad - there is a sign up for ingredients.



See 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.

Missions

St. Paul's Sponsors Scare Away Hunger

St. Paul's once again will be a Platinum Level sponsor for the Scare Away Hunger 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run that Neighborhood House is hosting on October 6. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we will be providing \$3,000 to support the event.



5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run

Scare Away Hunger

Sunday October 6

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

Please make donations by October 21

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 by scanning the QR code. If you donate online, email Lynn Loeb at lmloeb@gmail.com so she can track your donation.



Looking Ahead

Night of 1000 Blessings

Sunday, November 10

5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

The past two years we have had such positive response to Night of 1000 Blessings mission night that we decided to do it twice this year! Join us on Sunday, November 10 as we undertake mission projects and donation opportunities to bless people within our communities and the world. We'll prepare and send out over 1,000 blessings in one night to give witness to God's great love and presence through missions, acts of love and service, and a variety of other projects. We will meet in Hickey Hall, break into groups to do various projects and gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper. Invite your friends, families, and neighbors.

This is a great mission opportunity for families!

MS Youth Group

All 6th - 8th graders & their friends

Sundays; 5 - 7 p.m. Hickey Hall

Our activities are geared to strengthen our relationships with God and each other, help the community and have fun. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. (\$5/meal).

Friends are welcome anytime.

Oct 6	YouLead
Oct 13	No Youth Group
Oct 20	S'more Church
Oct 27	Road Rally & Firepit Fun



HS Youth Group

All 9th - 12th graders & their friends

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

We provide a relaxed atmosphere for teens to be themselves, explore their faith, help out others and have fun. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. (\$5/meal).

We meet in Hickey Hall.

Good times are guaranteed!

Oct 6	Worktrip Meeting, YouLead
Oct 13	No Youth Group
Oct 20	S'more Church
Oct 27	Road Rally & Firepit Fun



High School Worktrip

Parent Information Meeting

Sunday, October 6; 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 2025 trip. We will discuss fundraisers, expenses, and other details about this week of service.



Third Grade Bibles

Sunday, September 29

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. If you would like your child to receive a Bible scan the QR code to indicate which worship service you will be attending and how you would like your child's name inscribed or contact Amy Heitman at Amy@stpaulsrochester.org.



New Dates!

Meet & Eat

Formerly Third Thursday

Tuesday, October 15

6:30 p.m. at Too Ra Loo

139 S. Main St. Rochester

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



St. Paul's Preschool Corner

New School Year has Begun

We're thrilled to welcome everyone to a new school year at our preschool! Our team had a fantastic time meeting all of our new and returning families at our recent events.



Our Parent Night was a great success, and it was wonderful to connect with so many of our families. The open houses were equally delightful; it was a pleasure to meet each of our preschoolers and see their excitement for the year ahead. A big thank you to HUGS Mother's Group for the delicious popsicle treats—they were a hit!

As we dive into the new school year, we're eagerly anticipating all the fun activities and new friendships that lie ahead. Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for supporting our preschool family!

Warm regards,
Michelle Staarmann
St. Paul's Preschool Director



Holy Communion World Communion Sunday

October 6 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 13

10:30 - 11 a.m. in the Narthex

Stop by between services to have your blood pressure checked.



Blood Drive

Monday, October 14

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 (sponsor code 'stpaulunited').



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.



Upcoming Baptism Dates

Sunday, November 24

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



Rummage Sale

Drop off days:

Monday, October 7

5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sale Days:

Friday, October 11

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m. - noon

Volunteers always needed!

See more Rummage Sale information on page 5.



Looking Ahead...

November

- 2nd UMM Breakfast
- Support for Caregivers
- 3rd All Saints Sunday
- 4th New Member Class
- 7th Annual Church Conference
- 10th Night of 1000 Blessings
- 17th That Takes the Cake Sale
- Harmony in the Hills Concert
- 18th Blood Drive
- 19th Just Older Youth
- 20th Early Bird Men's Group
- 21st SPARK Book Group
- UWF Book Club
- 24th Baptism
- Hanging of the Greens
- 28th Happy Thanksgiving
- Church closed
- 29th Church closed

SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship with us!

The Open Door Service

9:30 a.m. in Hickey Hall

Traditional Service

11 a.m. in Sanctuary

6 Waymakers

Genesis 12:1-5a

Making a Way

Rev. Dulworth

13 Mark 2:1-12

When the Roof Gives Way

Rev. May

20 Luke 17:11-19

Leading with Gratitude

Rev. Dulworth

27 Generosity Sunday • Trick or Eat

Mark 12:41-44 A Mighty Mite Goes a Long Way

Rev. Dulworth

SERMON SERIES October