



St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

October 11, 2026

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	Wer nur den lieben Gott last walten, BWV 647 (Bach) "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"	
Chimes		
*Processional Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	#529
Words of Welcome & Announcements		
Mission Moment		Amy Heitman
Generosity Moment – John & Amanda Sgarlata		Rev. Rick Kress
Opening Prayer	Silent Prayers of Confession and Intercession Words of Assurance The Lord's Prayer	#895
Children's Moment	Jesus Loves the Little Children (as children come forward) (Children may go to Sunday school with their Adult)	on screen
*Hymn	God Will Take Care of You	#130
Pastoral Prayer	Response: This is our prayer, O God!	#487
Offering Invitation	Offertory Speak, O Lord (Townsend/Ferguson) *Doxology *Offering Prayer	Judy Locke, Sharon Hiller #95
*Scripture Lesson	Proverbs 3:5-6; John 14:1; Ephesians 3:20-21	
Sermon	Trust God for Great Things	Rev. Rick Kress
*Recessional Hymn	Standing on the Promises	#374
*Benediction	Choral Response Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace	#668
*Postlude	Tu es Petra (Mulet) "You are the Rock"	

*Please stand as you are able

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

Today at St. Paul's



Prayer Ministry Team

Here to Pray with You - In the Narthex after worship

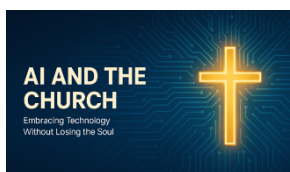
If you notice someone wearing a red heart, please know they are on the Prayer Ministry Team. They would love to pray for your needs or the need of someone on your heart.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, October 11; 10:30 - 11 a.m. & 12 - 12:30 p.m. in the Narthex

Stop by to have your blood pressure checked.

What's Happening at St. Paul's



AI and the Church

Monday, October 12; 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Hickey Hall

Led by Pastor Rick Kress

Artificial Intelligence is here. Some people rave about it, others are scared by it. We'll look at 3 questions:

1. How does AI relate to the church?
2. Can it be used in a positive way to grow spiritually?
3. What cautions do we need to be aware of?

There will also be a live demonstration!



Understanding, Coping with Grief, and Moving Forward with Hope

Navigating Grief After Loss Workshops

Wednesdays, October 14 - November 18; 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Grief and loss touch every life. Join us for a supportive 6-week workshop series designed to help you understand your grief,

connect with others, and find steady hope in the midst of loss. St. Paul's is offering six Grief Support Workshops in partnership with Samaritan Counseling Center. Scan QR code to register.



Hats & Gloves for Baldwin

Please make donations by October 15

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 and 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 Amy Lundquist at calund2@yahoo.com so she can track your donation.



St. Paul's Garden Club

Wednesday, October 14; 9 a.m. - noon in the Garden of Hope

This will likely be the last gardening session of the year. Help us put the garden to bed.

Contact Us

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Rev. Judy May, Associate Pastor

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Dr. Seung Hee Cho, Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Amy Heitman, Director of Children's Ministry

Jodi Stuermer, Director of Youth Ministry

Rachel Henry, Director of Adult Ministry

Please note St. Paul's worship services are livestreamed and recorded. They can be viewed through the website. Livestreaming is available in Room 118 for nursing mothers.



SPARK Book Group

Thursday, October 15; 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Join us as we read *Apostle's Cove* by William Kent Krueger. We welcome new members! Contact Linda Burnard at 248-765-5511.



UWF Book Club

Join our stimulating discussion of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action? Contact Nancy Shannon at nancgs@aol.com with questions.



St. Paul's Just for Fun!

Sunday, October 18; 5 - 6:30 p.m. Patio & Hickey Hall

Invite a friend or neighbor to join us at the patio and in Hickey Hall for a night of fun, fellowship, and snacks with a rock-climbing wall that has been scaled by climbers as young as three to the young at heart at eighty-two.



Blood Drive

Monday, October 19; 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').



Sleep Seminar

Help Your Child Sleep Better

Wednesday, October 21; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Rickard Chapel

Get expert advice and proven strategies for exhausted parents from Sasha Croswell. Presented by St. Paul's Preschool. RSVP by October 12 to Amy@stpaulsrochester.org with name, email, phone number & number attending.

Original Handmade Artwork & Crafts



**EARLY BIRD
HOLIDAY**

ART & CRAFT FAIR

Early Bird Holiday Art & Craft Fair

Saturday, October 24; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Seeking artists and crafters interested in renting booth space. Scan QR code to apply now for a booth at our Holiday Fair. Save the date for holiday shopping.



Halloween Spectacular

Justin Lamb, Ann Arbor Woodwind Quartet & Dr. Seung Hee Cho

Friday, October 30; 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of Halloween classics and spooky songs at this spellbinding Harmony in the Hills performance by the talented Justin Lamb on marimba, and the Ann Arbor Woodwind Quartet featuring Trey Bradshaw, flute, Tim Michling, oboe, Elliott Ross, clarinet and Christian Green, bassoon. The evening will feature a special treat from our own Dr. Cho. Admission is free, but donations are always appreciated.



Night of 1000 Blessings

Sunday, November 15; 5 - 7 p.m. in Hickey Hall

We are teaming up with Midwest Mission to pack Rice and Soy Blessing Bags with the goal of providing bags to feed 14,400 people! These Blessing Bags meet hunger needs, but also nutritional needs to provide lasting energy. Each bag feeds 6 people and includes vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, soy and white rice.

This was a very popular event last year and to be successful this year we will need many volunteers to help. Watch the Connector for your opportunity to sign up for this great mission opportunity for families!



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Personal Welcome	Shane Grenier
<i>Washed</i>	Open Door Band/All
Statement of Values/Who We Are	Ambassador
Offertory Invitation/Prayer	Rev. May
<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	Open Door Band/All
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