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PASTOR'S PEACE

This past month was a very special time for our congregation as we together celebrated Advent and Christmas. It was also a very special and challenging time for me personally.

Midway through the month on December 13 I had out-patient surgery at Henry Ford Hospital for a large bladder tumor that was discovered during a scope undertaken less than two weeks previously. The tumor appears to have been a rare complication from the two months of post-surgical radiation I received four years ago for the successful treatment of prostate cancer.

Both the size of the tumor and its location in the bladder as identified by the scope were very concerning. There was the possibility that I was dealing with another very advanced cancer. However, during surgery, my doctor was able to peel away the tumor without any difficulty: it seemed very "surfacy" without any roots in the deeper interconnective tissue and muscle. The pathology report which I received the Friday before Christmas bore this out. There was no indication of any invasion beyond the top, mucosal layer of the bladder. A CAT Scan and lung X-ray further established that there are no other tumors that have shown up elsewhere in lymph nodes, surrounding tissue, and other organs. In other words, the new cancer was strictly localized and there was no metastatic spread. This was a great gift on the eve of Christmas.

Although the tumor is out and my non-invasive cancer is classed as "Stage 0," I am, unfortunately, not quite out of the woods as we enter the New Year. These tumors have a 70 per cent recurrence rate. Consequently, I will need to pursue follow-up treatment, which usually begins three weeks after surgery. The recommended treatment makes use of a biologic agent to stimulate the immune system, encouraging the body to use its own resources to fight off and eliminate any remaining cancer cells. "Induction" treatment extends six weeks, one day weekly. Three months later, another three-treatment series is recommended as "maintenance." This may be repeated at intervals over the next 24-36 months.

There are side-effects from the treatment which usually kick in halfway through the "induction" series. But the impact is highly variable patient-to-patient: some have big

problems; other sail through the choppy waters but handle it all well. I can't presume to know how I will respond. Yet I am confident that, one way or another, I'll get through it all. During the radiation weeks four years ago I was running three to four miles a day and didn't experience any flagging or fatigue. Also, the day after my outpatient surgery in mid-December, I was back in the office the next day keeping a regular schedule. Without over-pushing and creating problems for myself, I plan right now to keep trucking, apart from my day off for treatment. I come from a family of workhorses—that's what we do and do as best as we can with the strength and resources that God makes possible.

Just prior to my December 13 surgery I let our Council president and vice-presidents know what was happening to the best of my knowledge. I also shared word with Pastor Schalm and our Parish Nurse Kathy Williams. But I asked them to keep the news confidential because I wanted our congregation to remain focused on Advent and Christmas, not my medical problems with all the uncertainty of the moment. They were wonderful about respecting my privacy and honoring my concern. I am very grateful.

I appreciated their prayers for me. And I welcome your prayers now. I am happy to say that what lies ahead for me, while still challenging and maybe even a little daunting, is not life-threatening. And what is is—no sense railing against it. Backed by my faith in a gracious God and the love and support of everyone who matters to me, I am keeping my eyes and ears open for God's inevitable blessing. I look forward to moving ahead with life and our ministry together. See you in church!

--Shalom, Pastor Geoff Drutchas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

As we enter a brand New Year, let us do so as witnesses to the faith we proclaim. Life is a steep climb and it is always encouraging to have those ahead of us "call back" and cheerfully summon us to higher ground. As reminded by L.B. Cowman, we all climb together, so we should help one another. The mountain climbing of life is serious, but glorious, business; it takes strength and steadiness to reach the summit. And as our view becomes better as we gain altitude, and as we discover things of importance, we should "call back" our encouragement to others.

*If you have gone a little way ahead of me, call back-
'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track;
And if, perhaps, Faith's light is dim, because the oil is low,
Your call will guide my lagging course as wearily I go.*

*Call back, and tell me that He went with you into the storm;
Call back, and say He kept you when the forest's roots were torn;
That, when the heavens thunder and the earthquake shook the hill,
He bore you up and held you where the lofty air was still.*

*O friend, call back, and tell me for I cannot see your face,
They say it flows with triumph, and your feet sprint in the race;
But there are mists between us and my spirit eyes are dim,
And I cannot see the glory, though I long for word of Him.*

*But if you'll say He heard you when your prayer was but a cry,
And if you'll say He saw you through the night's sin-darkened sky
If you have gone a little way ahead, oh, friend, call back -
'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track.*

Peace & Blessings to you and your's in this New Year.

In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education

Christian Education Plans for Upcoming Events

Calling All College Students and Recent High School Graduates. Christian Education is in need of pictures and addresses of all St. Paul UCC college students and High School graduates enrolled in continuing education programs (trade school, skill programs, apprenticeships, etc.). Please forward addresses and pictures to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

Pictures will be displayed on the "College Connection" board and students will be added to the quarterly "College Connection" mailing list.

***Thirsty Thursday's Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. - John 6:35

Whether you have been a regular or are considering coming for the first time, we welcome and look forward to your company and participation.

"Thirsty Thursdays"

The What: Young Adult Bible Study

The Why: Rehydration: Daily living and life can be dehydrating!

The Where: The Schalm's. 26868 Winslow Drive. Flat Rock

The When: Thursday evenings

The Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m

***Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship upcoming activities include:**

Winter Break Bash. Family Fun Night, this much loved event is hosted by Rock Hard in Faith and will be held on **January 5th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** throughout the church. Youth should plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to help set-up. Full details are listed under events you won't want to miss.

Food & Flick, young people should plan to stay after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on January 21, for lunch and a movie. Full details can be found on the youth first quarter flyer.

Superbowl Sub Fundraiser, youth should plan to arrive at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 4, to fill sub, soup and cookie orders. This is one of the major fundraisers supporting the annual summer mission trip.

Special Olympic Valentine Dinner Dance & 30 Hour Famine, young people should mark their planners now for this full weekend event to be held Friday, February 16 - February 18. Watch your mail for detailed information on these events.

***Young Adult & Young Married Ministry Upcoming Events**

Escape The Post Young Adults and Couples are invited to join together to escape one of six themed escape rooms at the all-new, Escape The Post game room located in Flat Rock. These are private games and only those in our group will be participating. Do you have the mind to escape in time? Date: Saturday, January 20th

Cost: \$25.00 P.P. Secure your participation by contacting Pastor Schalm by December 17th.

Youth Fellowship Offers a "Sweet" Thank You

Members of Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship are extremely grateful for the generosity shown them by church members who baked cookies for their annual holiday cookie walk. The Cookie Walk held on December 17th following the Sunday School Christmas pageant was a huge success. Cookies sold fast and the youth thank everyone who purchased a can.

Again, thank you to all who baked and supported this fundraiser.

St. Paul UCC Donates Bags of Hats & Gloves and Gifts to the Salvation Army

The Sunday School children in conjunction with members of the congregation collected two large bags of hats and gloves for children in need. In addition, members of the congregation played "Secret Santa" to local children in need over the holidays. Over thirty gifts were purchased and delivered with the hats and gloves to the Salvation Army. All items were utilized in their annual "Toy Shop" held for families in need. A huge thank you to all who donated hats and gloves and purchased a gift for a child in need.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant and Luncheon Held on December 17th

Under the direction of Lucinda Chavez, the Sunday School children performed, "Candy Cane Christmas" as part of the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 17th. The cast did a wonderful job of telling the story of the Christmas candy cane. A visit from Ole' St. Nick followed the program along with a luncheon sponsored by Christian Education.

Thank you to all those who helped with the pageant and luncheon. A special thank you to Mr. Jim Poet for his annual contribution and to all those who helped with the luncheon.

Members of Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship Serve at Local Soup Kitchen Christmas Party

On December 9th several members of St. Paul UCC headed to the Wyandotte Soup Kitchen to assist with the annual Christmas Party thrown for those in need. While some volunteers helped with the gift station, others assisted with the cookie decorating station. All recipients were appreciative and gracious.

Thank you to those who gave of their time to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

The January spotlight shines brightly upon ??? All Sunday School families are asked to complete a Family Spotlight form that can be found on the upstairs Welcome Center desk. Our spotlight has gone dim as a result of the lack of families to spotlight. Please take the time to complete a form so that we can introduce you to our church family.

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Caregivers Plan Meeting in January

The St. Paul Caregivers Group will once again be meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The next gathering is scheduled for Monday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. Every session starts with a quick-read article on a caregiving topic before we turn to conversation and discussion. Caregiving tips will be shared by participants who offer mutual support on a confidential basis. Pastor Geoff Drutchas leads the sessions, assisted by Parish Nurse Kathy Williams. The group is open to all St. Paul church members and friends.

Sewing Guild -- Sew 'n Sews -- Please join us for a little sewing and a lot of fellowship at our next meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch, dessert and coffee is provided. P/S: No sewing skill required!

Youth Prepare to Host "Winter Break Bash," Family Fun Night... On Friday, January 5th members of Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship will be hosting their annual Family Fun Night. This free and fun family event will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and is open to all church members, family and friends. In addition to music and an indoor moonwalk, a coffee café featuring minimally priced flavored coffees, hot chocolate, pizza, nachos and other goodies will be set-up in the Westroom. Families will also have the opportunity to make winter crafts, s'mores, candy, picture frames and to decorate hats and cookies. This night is packed with so much fun that you will not want to miss it.

This event will replace the Holiday Family Fun night. We hope to see you there!

Three Kings Day Service Begins Epiphany

Did you miss the Christmas Eve Service this year because of the winter traveler's advisory that night? Our Three Kings Service on Sunday, January 7, at 10 a.m., offers one last opportunity to sing some of the great Christmas carols you missed. The morning service will celebrate the belated arrival of the three wise-men kings at Jesus' manger side. Pastor Drutchas will preach a sermon entitled "The Star Still Shines."

A chancel communion will also be served—an added "attraction" for those who missed the communion sacrament on Christmas Eve. Join fellow church members as we mark the transition from the last day of the Christmas to the new season of Epiphany.

A 'High Tech Faith' is Sunday Worship Focus

The impact of communications technology on our Christian faith and the future of the church will be the focus of our Sunday morning worship on Sunday, January 14, 10 a.m. Church members are invited to bring their I-phones and tablets to our worship together that morning as we together reflect on how technology is transforming all of our

communication and information sharing—with church life not exempt. Pastor Geoff Drutchas will take the occasion to reflect what Jesus might say about all this and how a “high tech faith,” despite many possible hazards, can positively serve the gospel.

Annual Congregational Meeting Scheduled

The annual meeting of the St. Paul congregation will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018. In addition to reviewing reports on our ministry and programs over the past year, the congregation will be voting on a new budget and a slate of nominees for Council leadership. The proposed 2018 budget was mailed to all church members, accompanied by a letter from the President-elect Diane Poet. Please contact the church office if you have not received your copy.

The annual meeting will follow a single service of worship that morning beginning at 10 a.m. Church members should sign in at the narthex and pick up a copy of their annual report.

The annual meeting is expected to last approximately forty-five minutes. Members are asked to sign in for the annual meeting when they first arrive at church. Look for the sign-up table in the Narthex where copies of the 2017 annual report will also be available. Your sign-up is essential to ensure that we have a full quorum to be able to conduct congregational business that morning.

Candidates Named for Church Council

A new slate of candidates for Church Council positions will be presented to the congregation for a vote at its annual meeting on Sunday, January 14. The candidate roster includes Cheryl Kincaid (Second vice president – three year term); Barbara Schultz (Elder – three year term); Dee Salsbury (Deacon – three year term); and Dave Badarak (trustee – three year term). A nomination for the Council secretary position (three year term) is currently pending and will be announced before or at the annual meeting.

All of the nominees are long-time participants in the life of our congregation. of the St. Paul congregation. Cheryl Kincaid, who previously served as Council president several years ago, returns for another successive three term as second vice president, first vice president, and president. Barb Schultz, Dee Salsbury, and Dave Badarak have already been serving on our Council this past year to fill unexpired terms of others who, due to personal circumstances, had to resign from Council service. Our church is fortunate to have capable and talented church members stepping forward to provide essential leadership.

In addition to participating in monthly Council meetings, the new Council members elected at the congregational meeting will assist with Sunday morning worship and serve as Council liaison to various church committees and task forces. The slate of nominees will be formally submitted to the congregation by the Council trustees who also serve as the official nominating committee for our church, soliciting candidates for each available office.

Upon election, our new Council members will be installed the following Sunday, January 21 at the first and second services. They will also be participating in a day-long team-building retreat with fellow Council members on Saturday, February 3.

Get your tickets now for Euchre Night

Looking for an evening of fun, excitement and fellowship, then look no more. The St. Paul Men's Fellowship is hosting its third annual St. Paul Euchre Night on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the church. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$10 per person if you buy your tickets in advance or \$12 per person at the door. We play progressive euchre, so no partner is required, you can come by yourself. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place and a 50/50 raffle. The evening includes a dinner snack of pizza, salad, dessert and beverage. There will also be pretzels and popcorn to snack on throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased at the KIOSK table during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings throughout the month of December and January or by calling the Church office at 313-291-1221.

Church Returns to Double Service Schedule

After three weeks of single services at 10 a.m., our congregation will return to its usual double service schedule at 9 and 10:30 a.m. beginning on Sunday, January 21. Child care will be offered at both services. However, our full church school program coincides with the 10:30 a.m. service only.

To check on service times or any possible cancellation of worship or other church activities due to inclement weather, please call the church office (313-291-1221) for the latest update.

Red Hot Purple Angels

Our **January** planning meeting will be on Thursday, the 25th at 7 PM in the Parlor. Please come with ideas for next year's outings/meetings or give them to Kathy Williams prior to that day.

New Members Welcomed

Those contemplating membership at St. Paul Church are invited to receive the congregation's welcome on Sunday, January 28, at both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. New members will be recognized in a special ceremony led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas with a presentation of both membership certificates and carnations made by Council president Diane Poet.

Please notify the Pastor Drutchas and the church office (313-291-1221) if you would like to be welcomed that morning.

Get your tickets for Souperbowl Sunday: Soups still needed

The fifth annual "Souperbowl Sunday" will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018, in Fellowship Hall, 11:30 am -1:00 pm. Church members and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide array of 20-25 different home-made soups along with crackers and condiments. Donations for the event are \$7 per person at the door or you can purchase tickets in advance at the KIOSK table during Fellowship Hour or by calling the Church office at 313-291-1221. Those participating receive a carrier or tray to take with them to the many soup stations as they sample the full variety offered. The event is being organized by the Building and Grounds Ministry. All proceeds will benefit improvements to our church facilities.

Church members are invited to contribute their culinary talents to the occasion by preparing a soup to be featured. Those interested in hosting a soup station are asked to

Speak with event coordinator Jim Poet (734-718-3137). Mark your calendars now for the last Sunday in January so that you don't miss out on a fun and tasty afternoon.

Herod & Mariamne: Not An Ordinary Love Story is Upcoming Sunday Evening Book Discussion

A book about King Herod and his fateful love for a Maccabean princess in Jesus' time will be the focus of a new Sunday night book discussion series at St. Paul Church on Sundays, January 28 and February 4 and 11. Pastor Geoff Drutchas will lead the discussion series on *Herod & Mariamne*, a short acclaimed novel by Nobel Prize-winning author Par Lagerkvist inspired by the legendary King Herod the Great who ruled Israel and re-built the Great Jerusalem Temple in the era of Jesus' birth. Most appropriately, our discussion series coincides with the season of Epiphany, which recalls the flight of Jesus and his family from the terror imposed by Herod, and the approach of Valentine's Day when our thoughts turn to love and romance.

Copies of the novel are available in the church office for participants. A donation to the office fund is welcomed to defray costs. You may reserve a book by completing a Make-A-Wish card from the sanctuary pews and adding it to the morning offering plate. Our Sunday evening discussions will meet in the church parlor and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the church office (313-291-1221).

About Herod & Mariamne...

Par Lagerkvist's novel about Herod the Great's love for a Maccabean princess has been called "a brief, brilliant, haunting work" and "beautifully etched—the tragedy of a good woman who almost redeemed a bloody tyrant and the tragedy of the tyrant who once loved but was incapable of the decency and magnanimity that love demands."

The plot is simple: "Herod, Tyrant of the Jews—he who was to order the Slaughter of the Innocents—is a lonely and violent man who kills because he cannot trust. But one day, at the Damascus Gate, he is overcome by an inexplicable tenderness for Mariamne, the Maccabee princess. For a time, Mariamne's beauty and gentle nature soften Herod's tyranny and she is regarded by her people as a savior. Yet her very gift for self-surrender frustrates Herod's need to possess by force, which destroys her selfless example and their tragic love."

Annual Scrapbook Crop is Sat. Feb. 3, from 9 AM- 7 PM. The cost is \$40. This includes your cropping space, three meals, as well as snacks and beverages all day. There will be vendors, make and takes, demos, and raffles. Even if you do not want to scrapbook, there will be something for everyone as you shop with our vendors. If you are a vendor, or know of a vendor, and they might be interested, please let me know. We will be needing raffle and door prizes, as well as people to help that day. This is a big fundraiser for BOF and the Christian Education Ministries. Please contact Debbie Case at 734-941-1228 or email debbiescase@aol.com if you want more information.

Youth Fellowship Plans for a Super Sunday Big Game Event on February 4th

As has become tradition, Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship will once again be taking orders for their St. Paul famous, SuperBowl Sub Sandwiches. So plan now!! You do not want to miss the opportunity to sink your teeth into an awesome 12 inch, Super Sub Sandwich. Youth Fellowship will be taking orders during coffee hour and accepting order forms through the church office for Superbowl Subs, soup and cookies through January 31st.

Twelve inch subs can be ordered for \$9.00, cookies for \$4.00 and soup for \$3.00. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Fellowship summer mission trip. Watch your morning tide for order forms

Get your tickets now for the 2018 Wild Game Dinner (selling out quickly)

The eleventh annual St. Paul Wild Game Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Tickets, which are \$30 per person, may be purchased at the KIOSK table in Fellowship Hall between Sunday morning services, by contacting the church office at 313-291-1221 during the week or by contacting James Poet, Gary Staffeld, Candace Poet, John Smith or Dan Case. The dinner is usually an early sell-out, patrons are encouraged to purchase their ticket early.

The doors open on the night of the event at 5:30 pm, hors d'oeuvres are served at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvre items for the night will include wild chicken chili, turtle soup, salmon dip, sausage, cheese and crackers and fresh fruit. Entree items will include venison meatballs, Mexican venison lasagna, buffalo-carved, buffalo stir fry, BBQ wild boar, wild boar sausage w/green pepper and onions, along with potatoes and gravy and of course dessert, all served in our own Fellowship Hall decorated like a large hunting lodge.

Adding to the excitement of the night, there will be ten unique and exciting raffles. This year will again feature the auctioning of a genuine Raccoon Hat. The St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry, which sponsors the dinner, invites donations of wild game (e.g., Venison, Salmon, Rabbit, etc.) from church members. Prize items for raffle are also needed and welcomed. To donate or volunteer for the dinner, please contact coordinating team members Jim Poet, Gary Staffeld, Candace Poet, John Smith or Dan Case. The dinner is a fun filled event for all ages. Please visit our church website at www.stpaulucctaylor.org to see pictures of past events.

Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship to Host ARC Dinner Dance

On Friday, February 16th the youth will once again be hosting a Valentine's Dinner Dance for the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens). The youth will be in need of donated desserts and door prize items to help off-set the cost of this outreach. If you are interested in making a donation or in helping with this event please contact Pastor Schalm.

St. Paul Youth Hunger to Feed Those in Need- It is reported that every seven seconds one child dies within our world due to a hunger related cause. As unbelievable as this might be living in the United States of America, it is a hard reality to many throughout God's world. Serving as the hands, feet and voice of Christ young people within our congregation are choosing to make a difference in the lives of those facing hunger and poverty.

On Saturday, February 17th they will take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. They're going to raise awareness and money to help eradicate world hunger by not eating for 30 hours. Over the course of their time together they will host a dinner dance for the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens), partake in a shopping spree to benefit Fish & Loaves and participate in other service related activities. While they are dedicated to make a difference, they need your assistance.

The young people are in need of prayers and sponsors. They need courage, strength and hearts that are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They need your

encouragement and prayers seeking these things on their behalf. In addition, they are in need of sponsors; those willing to support their efforts through monetary donations. All monies raised will benefit those in need through the support of programs offered by World Vision, a worldwide Christian based organization serving God's children throughout the world.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a youth or making a donation should visit the Kiosk during coffee hour. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Pastor Schalm.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Exercise Classes – Improvement in dexterity, balance and strength have been noticeable by those doing the exercise class at church on Mondays & Wednesday at 2 PM. No classes in December. Watch the MorningTide for starting again in Jan. All are welcome to participate.

Blood Drive – On Thursday, January 25, from 1-6:45 PM, we will hold our next blood drive. Please mark your calendar for this date. There needs to be 59 days between donations. Please make an appointment by contacting Parish Nurse, Kathy Williams, or complete a Make-a-Wish card and place it in the offering plate. There needs to be 59 days between donations. Please make an appointment by contacting Parish Nurse, Kathy Williams, or complete a Make-a-Wish card and place it in the offering plate. Kathy has had some time slots put aside for members of our church. You can now make appointments for/at your own convenience through the Internet. Visit www.redcrossblood.org click on the blue box on the left side of the page that says 'Enter a Sponsor Code', under 'Find a blood drive near you.' Type in StPaulTaylor (no spaces). You will then be directed to the next page listing our blood drive. Click on the last column to sign up. You will need to register & obtain a password. IDs & passwords are case sensitive. You can also download to your phone or print out a Rapid Pass the day of the drive prior to coming to the drive. You can read the educational materials & complete the health history online to save some time at the blood drive. If you have questions about eligibility you can look at eligibility requirements on www.redcrossblood.org or contact the Red Cross blood donation center at 866-236-3276. There is updated information about a four week deferral for those who have been to areas where the Zika virus has been found.

Matter of Balance – Class was successful. Let Kathy know if you are interested in taking a future class.

Health/Medical supplies –If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

***"Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."* John 11:25**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January St. Paul Member and Friend Anniversaries:

Happy Anniversary to the following couples: Currently we have no couples with a January Anniversary.

January St. Paul Member and Friend Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends: Lois Frank, Laverne Roe, Mary Prill, Ralph Eichner, Betty Mayfield, Julius Enesey, Donald Babin Sr, Frederick Miller, Linda Robinson, Joan Smarr, Marion Bolen, Ruth Kenosian, Dennis Schmoekel, Roseanna Brosky, Margo Charette, Sandra McGahey, Cathy Busatti, Deborah Case, Beverly Snyder, Ann Schmokel, Pamela Foresta, Cindy Romas, Cheryl Kincaid, Fred Block, Julie Melton, Vicky King, Donald Mack, Sheri Herkimer, Christopher Frazier, Jennifer Isaacs, Robin Walker, David Lange, Donna Krause, Chris Ostrowski, Selena Erickson, April Kulhanek, Stacey Black-Quantz, Michelle McGahey-Janiga, Rebecca Romas, Amanda Bokor, Christopher Case, Erin Logan, Megan Barnosky, Candace Poet, Emily Winter, Caitlin Matney, Emily Kittendorf, Melissa King, Nicole King, Rachel Frazier, Kayla Chavez and Madison Moore

January St. Paul Youth Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following youth: Valencia Britt, Katelyn Stull, Brody McCLeary, Alexander Tidwell, Andrew Kulhanek, Michael Gorbe and Lillianna Janiga.

We apologize if we missed your Anniversary or Birthday, but it's because our records don't include all your personal information, please feel free to contact the Church office at 313-291-1221 and we will gladly update your personal information for you.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Choir will gather again Sunday, January 21, 2018 after the 10:30 a.m. service to practice our songs. All children up to and including 6th grade are invited to join. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Children's Choir Director, Sally Sigman. Looking forward to seeing you in children's choir!

Volunteer needed for St. Paul Sign Board

The Building and Grounds Ministry is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to maintain our large St. Paul advertising sign, located to the West of the Church on Goddard Road. Responsibilities would be to update the sign as events are happening at St. Paul (ie: Fish Dinners, Rummage Sale, Blood Drives, etc), training will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering to take over the responsibility for updating the advertising sign should see either Michael Isaacs, John Smith or David Badarak, our St. Paul Trustees.

Altar Guild has a couple of opportunities for volunteers to maintain (fill) the altar candles weekly and to ensure the paraments (cloth on the lectern and pulpit) are changed accordingly. There are no meetings to attend. All materials and training are provided at your convenience. For more information please contact Arlene Felske or Sue Mrowka.

Coffee Hour Drink Spills have become a concern. Please help us avoid drink spills. Lids are provided during Coffee Hour for your beverages if you would like to leave the Hall with your drink. We have noticed many areas in the building where beverages were spilled. We would like to keep our building looking as nice as we can. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank You, St. Paul Building & Grounds Ministry.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As St. Paul begins to prepare our budget for 2018, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our members and friends. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.



To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. St. Paul also offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR reader. If you need additional assistance or have questions, please contact Gary Peters, our Treasurer or Dan Case, Auxiliary Trustee.

Audio Copies of St. Paul Sunday Worship Services are available for your listening pleasure. Just log onto the St. Paul Web Site "stpaulucctaylor.org", select the "Our Worship Together" tab, then the Worship Services (Audio)" tab. Directions are given on the Service page. Services are also available on the Mobile application as well. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

TREE OF FAITH LEAF- Correction

In Loving Memory of: *Clarence & Lillian Fick* From: Harold Fick, Pauline Arndt, & Carolyn Fick

JOYS AND CONCERNS

ROSES ON THE PULPIT celebrate the births of Beckham Quentin Brock, born November 22, 2017 to Rachel Gunther. Sibling is Lillian Brock. St. Paul Great-grandparents are Beverley & Allen Gunther.

And for Pauline Adams, granddaughter of Sue Stears.

LOVE & DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Rob & Kacey Wlasuk on the loss of Rob's father, Ken E. Wlasuk, who passed away November 29, 2017 at the age of 73 years. Funeral was Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at St. Paul UCC, Taylor. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas officiated. Arrangements by Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel.

LOVE & DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Marjie & Charlie Barnard on the loss of Marjie's nephew Aaron St. Louis who passed away, December 4, 2017 at the age of 43 years. A celebration of life will be held on January 13, 2018 in Oklahoma.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Lorelee Wilson on the loss of her sister-in-law, Velma Dunning.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Diane Sturgeon on the loss of her brother.

Thank You to the December Merry Mailers: Fred Miller, Karen Hill, Toni Hill, Arlene Felske.

Thank you to all of my Church Family and Friends for their prayers, cards and words of encouragement. Your concerns have given me inspiration and courage. I am indeed blessed with many caring and wonderful friends. Thank you all and may God Bless each of you. Dan Evison.

Thank You to - Women's Fellowship, Christian Education & Men's Fellowship for their donations to Heat and Energy

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS to all who placed poinsettia plants on the Chancel and Altar for the Christmas Eve Services.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF:

- William & Mildred Beyar & Milton & Susan Peters from Gary & Kathy Peters
- Edward Davie from Michele & Harold McNeely, Jr.
- Janet & Harold McNeely from Michele & Harold McNeely, Jr.
- Fred Frank from Lois Frank
- Jim Pattenau from Cleora, Bill and Ken
- Louise Horvath from the Isaacs Family
- Eugene Wackro from the Isaacs Family
- Wally Stanek from Louise Stanek
- Melvin, Erne, Joan, George Schonfeld from their family
- My husband, Frank from Sharon Podpora
- My son, Jerry from Sharon Podpora
- Clarence Fick from Harold Fick, Pauline Arndt, and Carolyn Fick.
- Lillian Fick from Harold Fick, Pauline Arndt, and Carolyn Fick.
- David Mrowka, from your loving wife, Sue.
- Edwin Steinhauer from your daughters, Sue & Diane.
- Gaston St. Louis from Helen St. Louis
- My brother, Thomas Cousino, from Helen St. Louis.
- Harry Thompson, Bert & Irene Picard from Nora Willison
- Stanley & Margaret Barnard, from Charlie & Marjie Barnard
- Gaston St. Louis/ Ethel St. Louis from Charlie & Marjie Barnard
- Patricia Kimes/ Aaron St. Louis from Charlie & Marjie Barnard
- Justin Staffeld from Kevin & Teri Staffeld
- Walter Siemers from Barb Siemers & Family
- Albert & Elizabeth Kamin from Barb Siemers & Family

--Ralph & Edna Herkimer from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Ralph Herkimer, Sr. from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Dwight Herkimer from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Fred & Mary Garrett from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Jordan Schalm from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Frank & Lenore Fuqua from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Mary Belles from Sheri Herkimer & Olivia Drapeau
 --Pat Miller from Fred & Mary Caruso Miller
 --Phil Caruso from Fred & Mary Caruso Miller
 --My Mother, Father, & Step-Father from Arlene Felske
 --Livia Barkai from Gary & Wendy Warner
 --Frank & Lenore Fuqua from Gary & Wendy Warner
 --Bill & Barbara Hall from Gary & Wendy Warner
 --Gordon Schultz from Betty Shepherd
 --Beth Ann Markey from the Johnson Family
 --Cynthia Markey from the Johnson Family
 --Vicki & Charlie Markey from the Johnson Family
 --Karen Hill – My friend, for all you do!
 --Toni Hill – My friend, for all you do!
 --Betty Steinhauer, from your daughters, Sue & Diane
 --Carol Hoffman from your loving son, Tracy

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN – PRAYER LIST: Prayers are requested for the following church members and friends: Ann Anderson (Beaumont, Dearborn), Bob Barley, Megan Barnosky, Sherrill Berndt, Betty Caufield, Dan Childress, Miles Church, Dave Cowper, Julius Enesey, Phill Felske, Sharon Ferguson (Henry Ford, Downtown), Al Gunther, Shirley Havenstein, Pam & Wayne Jones, Dorothy Kaczmarek, David King, John King, Carol & Dennis Komathy, Rev. Bill Kren, Pam Lange, Neil McEachern, Jena Mellin, Michelle Mellin, Sharon Podpora, Lil Roscoe, Sandi Rose, Eleanor Rossi, Sue Spears, Kevin Staffeld, Mary Lou Staffeld, Brenda Tank, Jeannette Wackro, and Grace Wangbickler (Beaumont, Heritage). *Please contact the church office if your family member or friend needs to be listed longer than three weeks or their health has been restored.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION’S EXTENDED FAMILY: Brenda & Bonnie (friends, Daisy Stedman), Justin Collins (son-in-law, Gerri King), Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin (daughter, Shirley Havenstein), Lynn Harbin (sister, John Smith), Tamsey Hoffman (friend, Sue Mrowka), Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughter-in-laws, Helene & Neil McEachern), Laura O’Neil (mother, Shawn Block), Nicki Pappas (friend, Velma McGee), Garnett Raymond (daughter, Betty Hagerty), Brian Reid (friend, Sue Mrowka), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Cookie Robinson (sister, Bob Robinson), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), Denise St.Louis (sister-in-law, Marjie & Charlie Barnard), David Staten (brother-in-law, Peggy Staten), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), and Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS' PARENTS: Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), Bruce Gaither (father, Rebecca Warren), Carol Kuhn (mother-in-law of Lori Kuhn), Stella Ludlam (mother-in-law, Ellen Ludlam), Bill Pinage (father of Brenda Buzo), Sheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), Frank Small (father of Chris Chavez), and Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez).

CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN NURSING OR REHAB CARE: Mary Dubke (Amy's Place, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167), Melva Haglund (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193), Ilene Krogman (Applewood Nursing Center, 18500 Van Horn Rd, Room #124, Woodhaven, 48183), Helen Parrish (9637 Janet, Taylor, 48180), Eleanor Rossi (Maple Heights, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, MI 48101), Melissa Rossi (17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125), Vernagene Schafer (Borgess Gardens, 3057 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, 49048), Ben Scherf (904 E. Lake Mitchell Dr., Cadillac 49601), Betty Steinhauer (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd. Riverview, 48193) Grace Torango (Rivergate Health Center, 14041 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, 48193), and Lisa Wild (Anestic Care Residence, 21071 Tiffany Dr., Woodhaven, 48183).

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