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Calendar of Events

July 2024

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| Sunday, July 7th | Church Service - 10 am - Communion - Summer Sunday School |
| Sunday, July 14th | Church Service - 10 am - Summer Sunday School - Semi-Annual Mtg 11:00 am |
| Sunday, July 21st | Church Service - 10 am- Summer Sunday School |
| Sunday, July 21st to Thursday, July 25th | Vacation Bible School - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm |
| Sunday, July 28th | Church Service - 10 am under the tent - Summer Picnic |

August 2024

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| Sunday, August 4th | Church Service - 10 am - Communion - Summer Sunday School - Enhanced Coffee Hour honoring Pastor Schalm |
| Tuesday, August 6th | Family Fun Day at Metro Park |
| Saturday, August 10th | Men's Fellowship Steak Fry - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, August 14th | Church Service - 10 am - Summer Sunday School |
| Saturday, August 17th | Kitchen Clean-up - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm |
| Sunday, August 18th | Church Service - 10 am - Summer Sunday School |
| Sunday, August 25th | Church Service - 10 am - Summer Sunday School |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

~Romans 12:10

My Dear and Beautiful Church Family,

On May 7th I informed the church council of my retirement from the position of Minister of Christian Education with a formal announcement to the congregation being made on June 16th. My last day in my current position will be August 7, 2024.

This decision has not been an easy one to make. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving our congregation and being a part of the St. Paul UCC ministry for the past twenty- five years. However, after much prayer and consideration, I believe it is God's will for me to take a new direction in my ministry and personal journey; to be the church outside of the church.

I am sincerely grateful and honored to have had the privilege to serve at St. Paul UCC. I am humbled by the love, support, friendships, and fellowship that our congregation has shown me during my service. I am confident that St. Paul UCC will continue to be a beacon of Christ's love in our community.

St. Paul United Church of Christ will forever be "my church family." I will take the love, kindness, generosity, and lessons learned from there into my new ministry working with at-risk children.

I look forward to serving in other capacities within the church and to serving alongside you as the hands and feet of Christ.

Your Sister in Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm

Christian Education Activities

Vacation Bible School, A Community Event

"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS," will serve as this year's Vacation Bible School theme. The fun packed week will begin on Sunday, July 21 and run through Thursday, July 25th. Each evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m. children will participate in a variety of activities to include Bible adventures, song & dance, crafts, games and snacks.

Children are encouraged to invite and bring their friends. VBS is open to the community. All participants should plan for a week of fun and adventure as we explore with wonder, God's beautiful creation.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Summer Sunday School began on June 16th and will conclude on September 8th with Rally Sunday. Christian Education is in need of Summer Sunday School teachers July 7th – September 1st. Thank you to Helen St. Louis for teaching the first three Sundays. Please prayerfully consider leading a lesson over the summer. All materials will be provided. Lessons and the sign-up sheet are located on the upstairs Welcome Center desk. Please see Pastor Schalm with any questions.

Family Fun and Lunch at Willow MetroPark

Families should plan now to spend a complimentary day of food and fun at the Willow Metro Park and Pool on Tuesday, August 6th. For those interested, round trip bus transportation from the church to and from the park will be provided. Upon arrival participants will partake in a light hot dog lunch. Afterwards, they will make their way to the pool for an afternoon of swimming. Please sign the sheet located on the Welcome Center desk located upstairs or contact Pastor Schalm to confirm your participation. It will be a first come, first serve basis.

Rock Hard in Faith Youth Happenings

Youth Summer Mission Trip was Held June 24 - June 28

Sent to Serve, was the theme of this year's youth mission trip. As Christians, we are called to spread the Good News of God's goodness, love, grace, and salvation. As followers of Christ, we are to be obedient to His ways, caring for those in need and putting others before ourselves. Over the course of the week, the youth did just that. Along with their chaperones and mission site leaders, they served the homeless, disabled, families and children.

It is my hope and prayer that through witness and service offered and received, participants will grow a larger heart for Christ and a deeper understanding of His love and promises.

In addition to serving, we partook in daily devotions and enjoy fun evening activities.

Calling all College Students and Recent High School Graduates

Christian Education is in need of 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 to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Mission Sunday

During the month of June members were encouraged to bring in packs of diapers for our "Diapers for Jesus" outreach. All diapers were donated to the Downriver Pregnancy Resource Center, part of the National Diaper Bank Network. Diapers will benefit single mothers and parents struggling financially.

During the month of July church members are encouraged to bring in new stuffed animals for the police and fire department to give to children in crisis. Often when firefighters are called to a fire or police officers to a home experiencing

domestic violence or a car crash, children are present. The animals are given to the children in order to provide them with some comfort. Due to health risks associated with allergens and other things, the stuffed animals do need to be new. The collection box will be located in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Schalm with any questions.

Semi-Annual Meeting to be held July 14th

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the St. Paul Congregation will be held on Sunday, July 14th, immediately after the morning worship service. The meeting is expected to be relatively brief. A mid-year financial report will be shared by the treasurer as well as reports from a couple of other ministries to let everyone know what has happened at St. Paul since the beginning of 2024.

St. Paul church members are asked to sign in for the meeting once they have arrived to help establish a quorum. Look for the table in the narthex as you enter the church through the front or side doors.

St. Paul Church Picnic July 28th

The excitement will be building in the next few weeks as we all look forward to our annual Picnic. The big top tent will be erected a few days before the 28th. Bright and early Sunday the kitchen will again be abuzz with activity putting on the finishing touches of the food to be served along with getting the grilles ready. Members who are available to come a little early are asked to assist in setting up the tables and chairs along with the altar and other items necessary for service.

At 9:30 Men's Fellowship will be hosting coffee hour before service begins. Service will begin at our usual time of 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Linda Anderson with assistance by Pastor Cheryl Schalm and the Sunday School Children and any other children who participated in Vacation Bible School.

After service is over Christian Education will have activities for the children to participate in, and at some point there will be a petting zoo and horses to ride.

A couple of our church members have taken time to put together a few baskets to be raffled off so look for people selling tickets to get yours.

Lunch will be served at approximately 11:15. Our menu will consist of Hot dogs & Brats, Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Vegetable Tray, Corn on the Cob and individual bags of chips. Beverages will be available to drink. At around 1:00 p.m. we will be having an ice cream social.

This will be an opportunity for church members and guests to fellowship together. We hope to see you there! Make sure you invite your family members, neighbors and friends.

Special Enhanced Coffee Hour to honor Pastor Cheryl Schalm

There will be a special Enhanced Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 4th after the 10:00 am Worship Service to honor Pastor Cheryl Schalm. Pastor Schalm has decided to retire after 25 years of dedicated service. Pastor Schalm has provided outstanding leadership for our Christian Education activities, which includes Sunday School, Youth Activities, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trips, Local Mission Outreach to mention just a few. Please plan on joining us for this very special event.

St. Paul Men's Fellowship Ministry to host their Eighth Annual "Steak Fry"

The event will take place at the Church on Saturday, August 10th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The men of St. Paul will be available to assist you with the grilling of a New York Strip Steak or a BBQ Chicken Breast, your choice. Dinner will also include a Baked Potato (Regular or Sweet), Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and Beverage. For an extra \$3 you can purchase an optional shrimp skewer with five pcs. of shrimp with a dinner purchase. You will want to purchase your ticket in advance to reserve your steak or chicken, since only a limited number of steaks and chicken will be available at the door for purchase. Tickets are \$18 per person and will be available at the Kiosk Table during July Coffee Hour or by calling the Church Office at (313) 291-1221 or Jim Poet at (734) 718-3137. All "Grill Masters" are invited to participate, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Poet, Gary Staffeld, or Dan Case. It promises to be an enjoyable evening so come on down and bring your friends.

Annual All Church Kitchen Clean-up

The St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry will be hosting its Annual Kitchen Clean-up on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Time will be from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All cleaning supplies and special equipment will be provided; all you need to do is come to the church in your work clothes ready to help clean. Please plan on coming to help even if you can only stay for one hour all help will be greatly appreciated. Coffee and Donuts will be provided for the helpers. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Staffeld or Dan Case or call the Church office at (313) 291-1221.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Budget Status

We are almost halfway through our 2024 budget year and for the first five months we are \$26,695 under our projected budgeted income. The good news is that we are \$24,438 under our projected budgeted expenses. We are averaging approximately \$16,000 in donations each month but are budgeted at \$24,000. We are spending approximately \$4,000 more that we are receiving each month. Our General Fund, which is the fund we use to pay out expenses (Salaries, Utilities, etc) is at \$26,810. I will have a more detailed report for the Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday July, 14th. If you have questions please feel free to give me a call. Dan Case - St. Paul Treasurer

Sew "N" Sew Gals to Meet

Thursday, July 18th and August 15th at 10 AM in the West Room. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee are provided. No sewing experience necessary. Join us for 'food for thought.' This year alone we have donated 156 blankets to Southshore Hospital, 61 blankets to Metro Detroit Share and 5 blankets to the 2024 Mother Daughter Banquet. Contact Janet Staffeld, chairwoman, for more info.

"Thank you" for the generous donation of diapers. We are thankful for your support as we serve the women and babies in the Downriver area. May you be blessed! Kim Casement, Director.

Qualified Charitable Distribution – Did you know?

The Secure 2.0 Act of 2022 has changed the age for Minimum Required Distributions from 72 to 73 years of age, however it had no impact on Qualified Charitable Distributions. QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, St. Paul does qualify. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your minimum required distributions (MRDs) for the year. Since it is already excluded from your taxable income, you can't take the itemized deduction (charitable donation) again. That would be double-dipping. While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—there are requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year.
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's MRD, the funds must come out of your IRA, generally by December 31.

If you have additional questions or want to start QCD donations please contact Daniel Case, St. Paul Treasurer.

2024 Membership Directory

The 2024 Membership Directory is scheduled for release in mid-September. All of St. Paul information must be submitted by the middle of August. Please contact the Church office if any of your information has changed (phone number, address, etc). Please contact the Dan Case if you have any questions.

Safety and Security

This month we will continue to highlight some safety measures that are in place at the Church to help keep you informed. This month we will be covering **UTILITY FAILURE.**

The building is equipped with emergency back-up lighting that will illuminate upon a power failure. These lights are designed to stay on for a period of about 45 minutes. In most cases, if there is no potential of danger to building occupants, services will continue as usual. The Emergency Response Team Leader will make the decision.

If a danger exists:

Remain calm and everyone will be guided out safely according to our evacuation plan by an Emergency Response Team member.

Staff or Emergency Response Team Leader will notify the power company of the outage.

Gas Leak:

Call 911 immediately.

Do not turn on lights or any electrical equipment.

Cease all operations and evacuate the building, immediately.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Exercise Class Continues

Exercise classes are held on Wednesday's from 10:30 -11:30 A.M. in the West room. No class July 3 or 4 due to the holiday. We will meet on July 11 on Thursday due to the holiday. Our instructor Delissa Hampton is there every step of the way to cheer you on to work at whatever pace you can do. All exercises can be done in a seated or standing position with or with the use of a chair, or a combination of both. We will also be meeting on the first Thursday of the month starting in August from 10:30 -11:30 A.M. A small donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested, but not expected for each class you attend. Hope to see you soon. Can't make it to class, but want to join us from home? Join us on ZOOM. You must be able to access the internet by computer, I-pad, or phone with video availability. If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact the office or Kathy Williams

CPR with AED CLASS & First-aid Class offering in late September or early October

People are needed with certification of CPR & First aid. Heartsaver, CPR with AED CLASS & First-aid Class by the American Heart Association will be offered soon. For safety reasons, we try to have at least one person in each sub-organization within our church. We never know when an emergency may occur. The class takes about 7.5 – 8 hours divided into two 4 our sessions. One on CPR the other first-aid. The certification lasts for two years. Please contact Kathy Williams or leave a message for her ASAP if you are interested. Books need to be given out at least **2 weeks prior** to the class. Please contact Kathy Williams if you are interested, but you are unable to attend the dates listed above. If you are already certified, it would be helpful to add you to our list.

Health/Medical Supplies Available

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Liturgists are needed for Sunday Services

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Rev. Linda Anderson or Cindy Romas in the church office. No experience needed. All information is provided to you.

Volunteer needed to manage our three flags in front of the Church

We are looking for an individual or a couple who would be interested in managing the three Flag Poles in front of the Church. Flags would need to be replaced as required and the American Flag moved to half-mast on special occasions. If you are interested please contact the Office at (313) 291-1221.

Council Still Seeks to Fill Two Positions

The church council has two positions that need to be filled. Someone is needed to fill the position of 2nd year Trustee and the position of 3rd year Deacon. Description of these positions can be obtained by contacting the church office. Please prayerfully consider taking one of these positions to complete our church council. If you have any questions please contact Trustee Toni Hill or Michael Isaacs.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHURCH MEMBER WEDDINGS

Emily (Kittendorf) King wed Lauren King on Friday, June 21st.
Pastor Schalm officiated

Brittany Brandt will wed Kurt Booms on Saturday, July 13th.
Pastor Schalm officiating

BAPTISMS

Ellie Rae Muljo daughter of Alyssa (Brandt) and Deven Moljo will be baptized on July 14th. Pastor Schalm officiating

CONDOLENCES

To the Family and friends of Guenter Berndt, who passed away June 17, 2024 at the age of 69 years. Arrangements by Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park Chapel.

MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of: *Mary Darty* From: Debbie Hamilton

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Church Members and Friends: Robert Black, Kyle Hard, Justine Kimbler, Betty Mayfield, Fred Miller, Dan Newton, Bill Pattenau, Shirley Robinson, Sandi Rose, Barbara Schultz, Dennis Schmoekel, Christine Schwab, Sally Sigman, Joan Smarr, Sue Spears, Linda Tank, and Carol Wioncek.

Extended Family: Susan & Dennis Bennett (sister, brother-in-law of Karen Hill), Rhonda Wioncek Berndt, Diane Brainard (mom, Ed Brainard), Ted Butkin, Destin Fazendin (nephew, Staffeld family), Ailani Flores (friends, Rosemarie Laslo), Brody Howell (nephew, Justine Kimber), Sue Milatz, F. Scott Miller (son, Fred Miller), Debi and Al Petri, Jerry Rossi, Randy Snelson, Rachel Tank (Daughter, Tom & Linda Tank).

Church Members & Friends in Extended Care or Rehab Care:

Judy Albright, Allegria Village, 15081 Ford Rd., Apt. 606, Dearborn, 48126-4642;
Darlene Babin, American House, 16333 Allen Rd., Room 213, Southgate, 48195;
Dave Cowper, Hampton Manor of Woodhaven, 22125 Van Horn Rd., Room 308, Woodhaven 48183; *Joe & Betty Mayfield*, Atria Kinghaven, 14800 King Rd. Apt. 308, Riverview, 48193; *Melissa Rossi* -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125; *Barbara Schultz*, Randall Residence at Encore Village, 10801 E. Grand River, Room

212, Brighton, 48116; *Sally Sigman* - Atria Kinghaven, 14800 King Rd., Room 116, Riverview, 48193; Office: 734-479-5000; *Bert Thompson*, Optalis Health & Rehabilitation, 9150 Allen Rd, Allen Park; Office: 313-386-2150.

Council Position Highlights

For the months of July / August we will be highlighting the position of **RECORDING SECRETARY**. A listing of all current council members is posted on the welcome board in the west lobby.

1. COUNCIL / CABINET

- a. Attend monthly Council meetings, as scheduled.
- b. Attend special Council meetings, as scheduled.
- c. Attend quarterly Cabinet meetings, as scheduled.
- d. Shall assist the Elders with Communion, as required.
- e. Attend yearly Council Retreat.
- f. Serve as the Council Representative at Church services for a minimum of six services each year. (see Council Representative duties and responsibilities)
- g. Work Coffee Hour when Council has volunteered to host.
- h. Attend the Semi-Annual and Annual meetings.
- i. Members of the Council are elected for a three-year term, and may run for a second three-year term, if he or she desire, but are limited to six consecutive years.

2. MEETING MINUTES / AGENDAS

- a. The Recording Secretary shall record minutes and resolutions for all meetings of the Church Council, including special meetings.
- b. The Recording Secretary shall provide copies of the minutes from the previous Council meeting to all Council members prior to their meetings.
- c. The Recording Secretary shall provide an electronic copy of the Council, Cabinet and Congregational meeting minutes to the Administrative Assistant for Archival, once approved.
- d. The Recording Secretary shall provide an electronic copy of the Council meeting minutes to the Web Master for publication on the Church Web-Site, once approved.
- e. The Recording Secretary shall record minutes and resolutions for all meetings of the Cabinet.
- f. The Recording Secretary shall record minutes and resolutions for all meetings of the Congregation, including special meetings.
- g. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for submission of a final print-ready Agenda for use at all Council and Congregational Meetings (contents of Agenda are determined by the Executive Committee).

3. SPECIAL

- a. The Recording Secretary shall maintain an accurate, confidential list of all members of the Church Council showing their home and E-Mail addresses and provide this in printed form to all Council members.
- b. The Recording Secretary is responsible for all correspondence to and from the Council.

