

"No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life's journey,
You are welcome here."

Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

Culinaires Sunday

9 am Worship ~ Sanctuary

10:15 am PreK Sunday School ~ Nursery

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pew pockets. Please write your request and place slip on the center arm before service or give to an usher.
- The Cry Room is open during 9 am service ~If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy in this space.
- Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.
- Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week– let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Faith Formation & Care.....	Craig Bielke
Music Director	Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Non-Traditional Music.....	John Posth

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul
United Church of Christ

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Borning Cry

(WATERLIFE)

Tune by John Ylvisaker, setting by David Christiansen (b. 1957)

MUSICAL INTROIT

Come Let Us Sing to the Lord

Based on Psalm 25, Written by Dr. Thomas Birkner

"Come let us sing to the Lord, Come let us sing to the Lord. We,
the sheep of His hand, let us kneel before the Lord, Our God."

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 95)*

One: O come, let us sing to our GOD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise!**

One: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

**Many: The sea, the depths of the earth,
the heights of the mountains,
indeed, God made all of creation. We belong to God.**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Holy One, our Maker!

**Many: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people:
O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!**

One: Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,

**Many: Our ancestors tested our Liberator, requiring proof
of God's faithfulness, even though they had witnessed
miracles!**

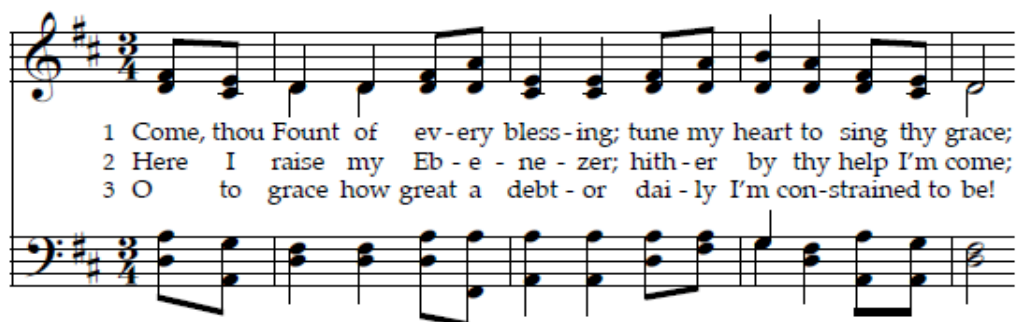
One: For forty years God contended with that generation and said,
"They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not
regard my ways."

**Many: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles.
Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears
to hear your voice. Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your
people are listening!**

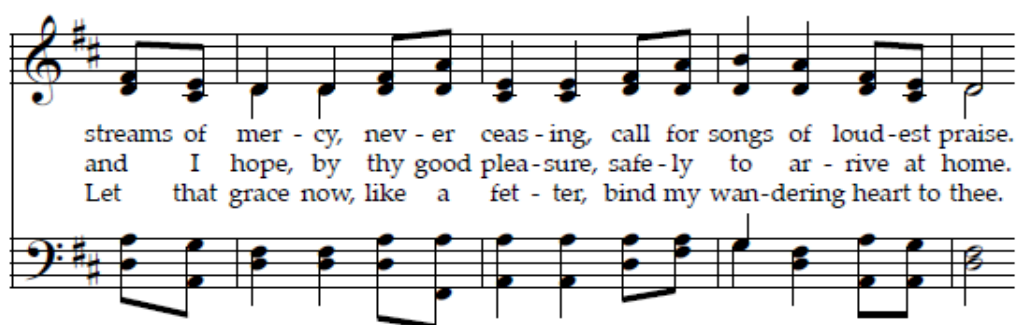
INVOCATION (Unison)

**God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship
you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and
the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your
transforming power and gentle, loving care. Thank you for the
many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives amid chaotic times. We
offer this prayer in the name of the One who leads us to living
water, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

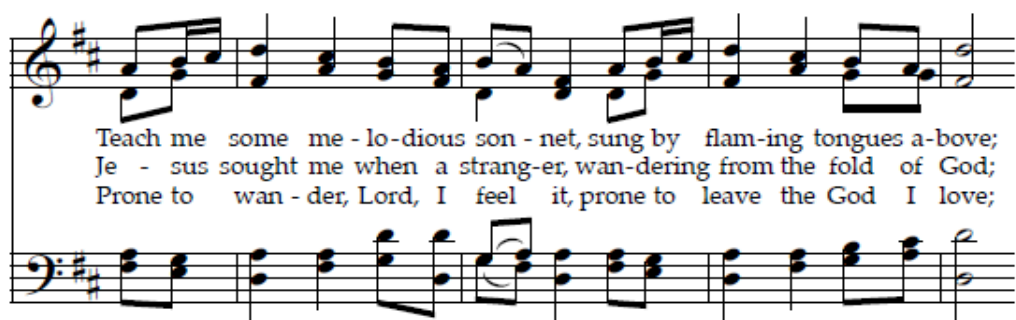
+OPENING HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (NETTLETON)



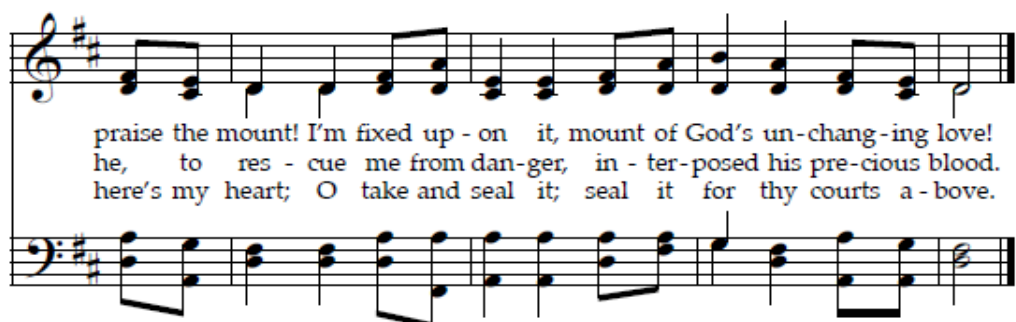
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsty people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

Many: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

Many: Grant us mercy, O God.

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

Many: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

One: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

Many: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

One: For our silent sins and our indifference to the suffering around us,

Many: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. Amen.

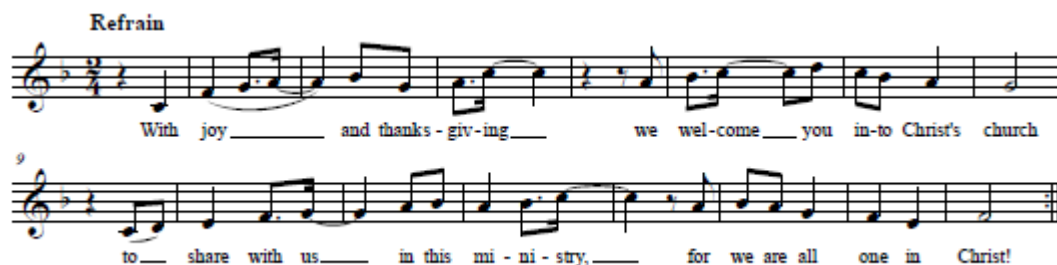
+ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(based on Romans 5 and John 4)*

One: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

+SONG OF PEACE AND WELCOME

Composter, Paul Vasile



CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

MISSION MOMENT Community Interfaith Food Pantry Jim Young

CHOIR ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Text by Isaac Watts, Tune by Lowell Mason, arr. by Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

When I Survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42
Reader: Pam Nicholson

SERMON

Living Water

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING *(based on John 4:35-38)*

One: Through Christ we are called to be sowers of God's truth and reapers of God's blessings. Therefore, let us joyfully share a portion of what we have received from God so those in need may rejoice with us.

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art (O store Gud)
Swedish Folk Tune arr. by Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

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Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction
based on **Thirsting for Grace: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent**, was written by the Rev. Dr. Renee C. Jackson, Minister for Ministerial Formation, UCC.

+RESPONSE TO OFFERING

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

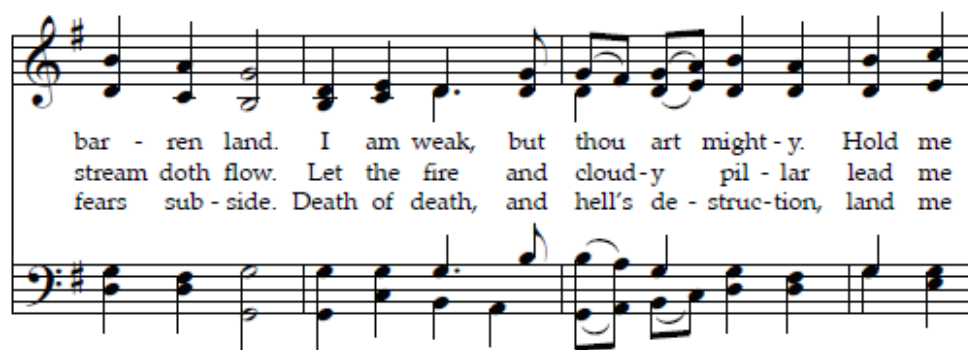
+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your needs. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

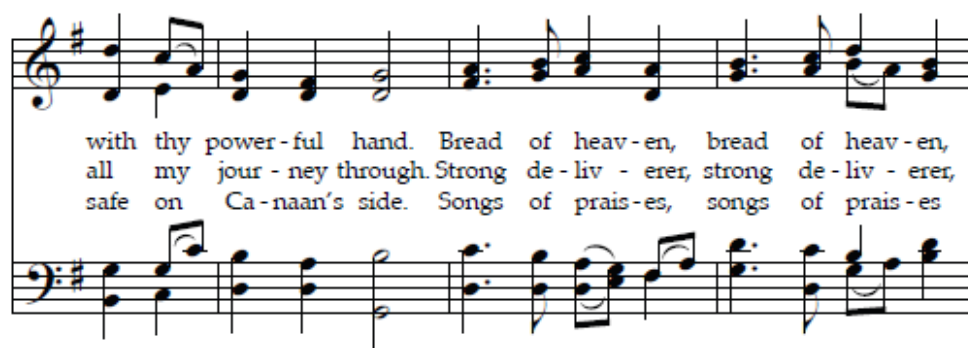
+CLOSING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (CWM RHONDDA)



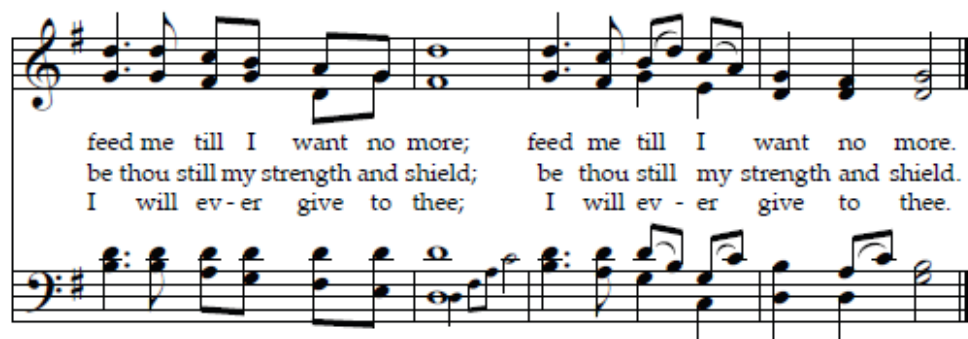
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

+BENEDICTION

One: Depart from this time of worship, restored and refreshed
by the living water from Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.
Go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world as
witnesses of God, ambassadors of reconciliation,
and praising God's holy name. Amen!

+POSTLUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (MELITA)
Tune by John B. Dykes, arranged by Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)





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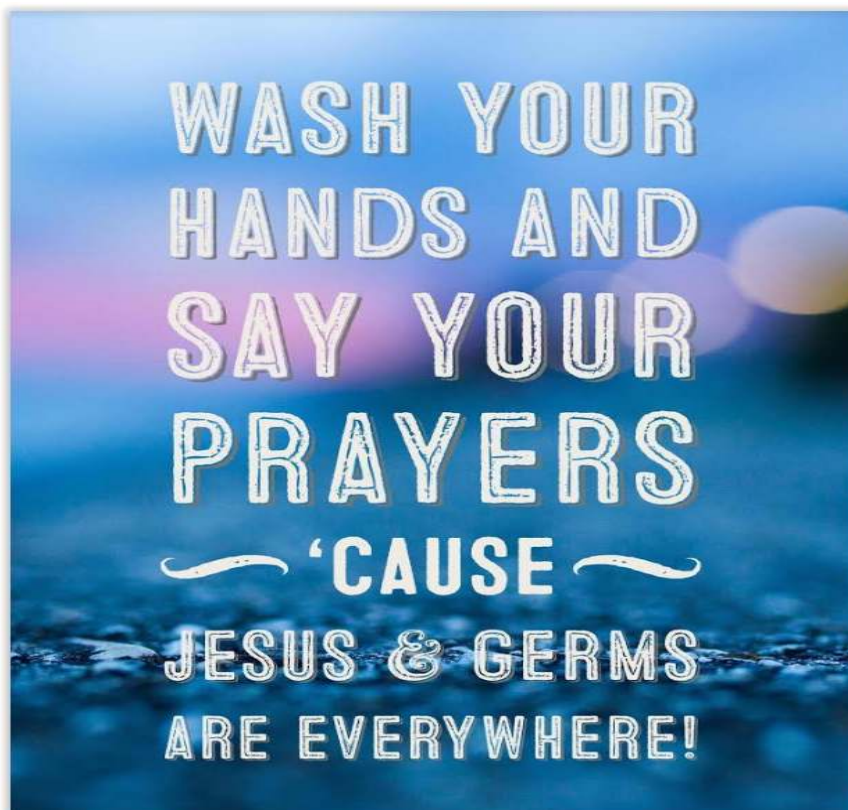
News & Notes

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Culinaires Sunday!!

Come to the Activities Center after service for a wonderful home-cooked meal! Donations accepted!



We like when you are here

so, please let us you know you are here!!

When you sign in the pew pad, please sign in complete information (first and last name, etc)

If there would be an emergency, we would use these pads to know whose was where, when, and complete information is important for this process.

So, please be sure to fill out the pew pad completely every week!

Thanks!!





EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 9 AM

Lenten Services

Wednesdays during Lent
11:30am service in AC
12pm light lunch

Maundy Thursday

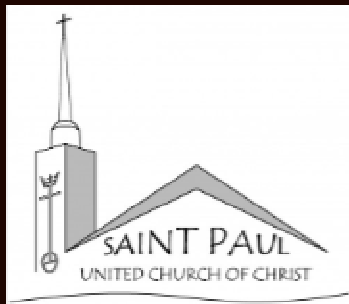
Service & Culinaries dinner
6pm in the AC

Good Friday Services

Services at 12pm & 7pm
in the Sanctuary

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 11
10am-12pm in the AC



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**BUNNY
BREAKFAST
&
EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

SATURDAY
11 **APRIL**
at 10am

115 West B Street
Parking lot &
entrance
on C Street

Free Breakfast
& meet the
Easter Bunny!



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Our Easter Celebration

There are two special ways in which you can share in the Easter celebration.
We will be decorating the altar area with assorted spring flowers.
You may purchase a spring flower and/or make a memorial gift. Please use the form below.

EASTER MEMORIAL GIFT

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

ASSORTED SPRING FLOWERS

The price is \$10.00.

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

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GIVEN BY _____

Please have this form and the appropriate check in the church office by Sunday, April 5.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

MARCH 22nd

More Than We Can Imagine...

We sometimes think that “imagination” means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is essential to God’s hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine....” (Ephesians 3:20-21). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed. You see, when we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision – and work for! – a world where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved; where no one ever fears abuse or violence; where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all; where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors; where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it; where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need, now and for years to come; where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ’s name. Can YOU imagine these things? Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

A Leadership Development Fund has been established to increase the quality of leadership across the entirety of the congregation and its mission and ministries by providing encouragement and financial assistance for St. Paul members. Formal and informal classes, seminars, workshops and facilitation of group and on-site leadership development will enhance the mission and ministries of St. Paul UCC. All St. Paul Leadership Development Grants will be applied for through and recommended by an established St. Paul governance body (i.e. the Church Council, a Board, Committee or Task Force), to the St. Paul Leadership Development Fund Committee for approval and disbursement. The Leadership Development Fund was created by Pastor Gus Kuether in honor of his 60 th year in the ministry and will be held by St. Paul UCC as a designated fund. The Leadership Development Fund will be administered by the Leadership Development Fund Committee. All grants will be partial and will only cover part of the total costs for attendance and participation. Upon completion, an oral or written report of learnings and suggestions for application at St. Paul will be rendered to the St. Paul recommending body within 60 days. Grant applications are available in the church office. For more information please contact Sue Hoffmann. Thank you.

Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? Changing a Look?
Bring your STUFF to our Activity Center NOW!

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



**Fri, April 3 5:30 -8pm
& Sat, April 4 9am - noon**
And, for extra special fun...
Come help to set-up the previous
Wednesday (after Lenten Service)
thru Friday.

2020 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission trip is May 11-15 at Camp DuBois. The Camp Director has a long list of projects for us to do and we can use your help for 1 or more days. If you are interested in participating this year or would like additional information, please contact Roger Harris 277.3805 / roger.harris@bofa.com.

DATE CHANGE DUE TO
CHURCH
BEING POLLING PLACE

St. Paul Women's Guild

**Tues, March 24
7:00 p.m.
Activities Center**

*The speaker for the evening
will be Jon Burgmann,
answering our questions
on
Medicare/Supplements/
Insurance/Annuities.
Join us!*



St. Paul Fireside

**Sunday, March 22
6:00 p.m.
Activities Center**

*Fireside's Chili Dinner
Installation of Officers
&
Guest Speaker
Rev. Michelle Torigian
Join us!*



THE WITTENBURG GERMANY SCHLOSSKIRCHE GOSPEL CHOIR IS COMING TO ST. PAUL

SAVE THE DATE AND BE A PART OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Here's your chance to get to know someone new. On Friday, May 22, as our final Fine Arts Series Concert, we will be welcoming the Wittenburg Germany Schlosskirche (Castle Church) Gospel Choir. They will need housing while they're here and we're inviting our St. Paul Congregation to help.

Our friends will arrive on Thursday evening, May 21 and we're inviting YOU to be a part of hosting our guests on Thursday and Friday nights. Our schedule is as follows:

***Thursday, May 21** The choir arrives at St. Louis Lambert Airport, via Delta airlines, at approximately 7 p.m. They will take the Metro Link to the Memorial Hospital station and will arrive, hopefully, about 9 p.m. Host families will pick up their guests at the station. We suggest that a snack or light meal be offered to them.

***Friday, May 22** You are invited to provide breakfast. The choir needs to be at St. Paul ready to rehearse at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided at noon and rehearsal will resume at 1 p.m. The singers will need to be picked up at 3 p.m. This is a time to visit, relax, have dinner and change into concert attire. They need to return to St. Paul at 6 p.m. for warm ups in the choir room. The concert is at 7 p.m. Then it's back home to visit and rest – another snack?

***Saturday, May 23** You are invited to provide breakfast and have your singer(s) and all belongings at the Memorial Hospital station at 9:45 a.m. They will depart to St. Louis from there.

Please contact Sandy Wagner (skwagner51@gmail.com or 618-560-9491) with your questions or commitment to be a host. We hope that YOU will agree to be a part of this exciting experience!

The Community Interfaith Food Pantry is taking applications for the following VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

* **Assistant Treasurer**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Participate in Board meetings
- Serve on Committees as appointed
- Report regularly to their church member
- Promote and recruit volunteers to work at CIFP
- Notify their church of CIFP's financial status
- Actively participate in CIFP governance

Qualifications

- Appointment by their church member
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals
- Willingness to support the mission of CIFP

* **Procurement Director**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Assist the Treasurer by performing those duties in writing
- In absence of Treasurer, assume Treasurer duties
- Report to the President as necessary

Qualifications

- Member of the Board of Governors
- Excellent math and interpersonal skills
- Ability to execute tasks and plans independently
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals

* **Board of Governors member**

Functions and Duties of the Job

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* **Board Representative**

Each Church requires 2 church representatives

- Jim Young is one St. Paul representative
- Only one rep need to attend meetings on the 4th
Thurs of month at 6:15pm

**Interested parties should
contact Dan or Mike at
the CIFP at 355-9199.**



The flowers today are:
In loving memory of
Bob Myland
~ Sonya Myland & Donna Nettleton

This Week

Sun, Mar 15 **9am Worship**
9:15 PreK
Sunday School
Culinaires Sunday

Mon, Mar 16 MDO
10am exercise class
6:30 Volleyball

Tues, Mar 17 ELECTION DAY
NO MDO
9am Quilters
NO Comm Dinner

Wed, Mar 18 MDO
11:30 Lenten Service
Bells/Choir

Thurs, Mar 19 MDO
3pm Gov French
4pm Masterworks
6:30 Council

Fri, Mar 20 MDO
3pm Gov French

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours:
Mon & Tues 10am -1pm

For Your Prayers

Pam Elser
Rosemary Henke
Lynn Koehler
Marsha McCoy
Sandy and Tim Ritter
Kenneth Oesterle
Joan Sackmann
Dian Thom
Patricia Valerius
Nancy Vieman
The Family of Edward Pelc

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cards are now in the church pews.
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slip on the center pew arm before
service or give to usher.

Weekly Attendance

	Mar 1, 2020	Mar 2, 2019
9am /11 am	147/Single	58/19

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

