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## From Pastor Melodye...

On Sunday, November 1st, we will begin a churchwide worship emphasis called *Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money*. The study will be based on Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Over a period of four weeks, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We will consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We will see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. If you have stress related to money or feel there may be more that God is calling you to do with your resources, this will be a helpful study.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving to St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the coming year. All of us will receive commitment cards in the mail, and the cards will also be available on Sunday mornings. We can fill out these cards and bring them to worship on Sunday, November 22, 2020.

We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God's treasure.

### Schedule for the *Treasure* series

Week 1: Where Is Your Treasure?

(Matthew 6:19-21)

Week 2: The Problem with Two Masters

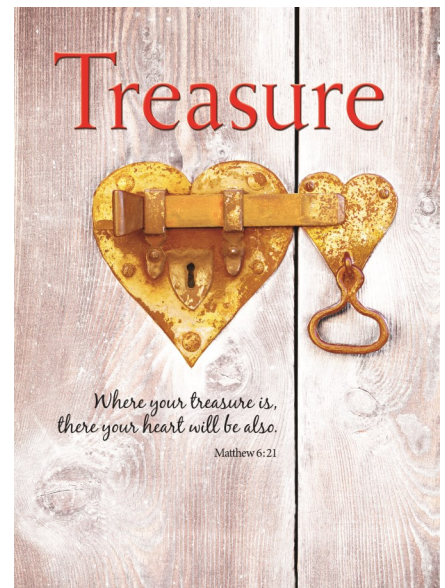
(Matthew 6:24)

Week 3: Giving Your Treasure Back to

God (Matthew 6:1-6)

Week 4: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing

(Matthew 6:25-34)



## Worship Committee Update

Your Worship Committee met on October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists:** We have begun using these positions again during church. If you would like to volunteer for any of these things just give the office a call. Be that smiling face and warm greeting for people attending worship at St Paul's.

**Acolytes:** Our young people of the church are again lighting our candles and carrying the light of Christ. If your children would be interested in taking part in this wonderful service to our church call the office and let them know.

**All Saints Day:** on Sunday, November 1 we will take time during our worship service to remember those members and friends of our congregation that have passed within the last year. We will again offer votive candles for members to light in memory and honor of loved ones. This will take place just before the service begins.

**Third Grade Bibles:** The education department will distribute Bibles to our third graders on Sunday, November 22.

**Organ Update:** Work on our beloved pipe organ has been completed and the organ sounds and plays wonderfully. During the contracted work some additional issues came up but most of those issues can be delayed for the near future. There are a couple of minor things that can be taken care of during routine maintenance. *If you feel moved to continue giving small amounts to the organ project, we would gladly accept them.* Please be sure that your normal giving to church operations continues. We have had a drop off in offerings during the pandemic. Remember that the church continues to operate even though you may not be in attendance for worship. We pray for your safety, physical and spiritual health.

## Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22:

As has been our tradition we will have a food drive to help needy families. All collected non-perishable items should be brought to the church by 9:30am that Sunday. Food will be delivered to the Salvation Army due to COVID restrictions.

**Poinsettias:** Poinsettia order forms will be placed in the newsletter and on the website. Be sure to get your order in so we have a beautiful sanctuary for Christmas.

**Christmas Eve:** It was decided to offer three Christmas Eve candlelight services this year to allow social distancing, and give us a chance to sanitize public areas of the church between each service. Join us at 3:00, 6:00 and 11:00 PM. The late service will be our traditional, midnight service.

**Hanging of the greens:** This annual event will take place *during the week of November 22*. We will ask families to sign up to decorate a specific area of the church at a time convenient to them during the week. A sign-up sheet will be on the website and in this newsletter. We need lots of families to do this work as we decorate our beautiful sanctuary and church building.

### Hanging of the Greens

#### Areas to decorate

#### November 22nd - November 28th

- Sanctuary - 1. windows 2. chrismon tree
3. little nativity & balcony wreath & pew bows
4. Monroe Street tree and nativity set
5. Tree over parking lot door and big nativity (that's usually in sanctuary)
6. Nativity at parking lot door, small undecorated trees, hallway wreaths
7. Front door wreaths

Call the office to let us know when and where you'd like to decorate!

**Safety first!** Due to the uncertainty surrounding holding gatherings with the number of COVID cases on the increase, the Board of United Methodist Women has decided to **postpone the 9th Annual Advent Tea and the 2020 Silent Auction.** We will reschedule these events when it is safe to do so and keep you posted via UMW Updates in *The Slate*.

Until you hear from us again we wish you a bountiful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and a bright New Year!  
Kathy and Sue



### Seasons of Change

Dear St. Paul's family,

I would have liked to be there in person to thank you for the many ways you have helped me grow into who I am today and to answer this call to ministry. Through Sunday school, youth group, confirmation, mission trips, and lay servant ministries you have nurtured me and walked beside me. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as church lay leader for the last three years as I step down from this position. It was a blessing to serve and a great way to learn about the church!

I am doing well, finding balance in work, classes and field education. Seminary classes at Methodist Theological School in Ohio have been challenging and rewarding at the same time. From the moment I stepped onto campus I felt at home and the connections I have made I feel I have known for a lifetime. I started my second year this Fall semester. I enjoy being able to see my fellow seminarians on Zoom sessions but it is hard not being in person. We switched to online classes in the spring when Covid started and continued this Fall with being online. The support is amazing through these uncertain times. Someone made the statement that "we are in this together" and that has stuck with me throughout and is a great reminder. Thank you for being my support and praying for me! I will keep you in my prayers too. Remember we are in this together!

God Loves You And So Do I  
Paula Vergowven



### Scholarship Information:

Scholarship applications for college and vocational students will be available later this month. They can be picked up from the church office or found online on the church website. Scholarship grants are for students who have completed at least one semester / term at college, university, or trade school. Applications and a copy of the student's latest grade report must be submitted no later than Sunday, January 24th, 2021.

Contributions to this fund or designated memorials or honorariums are always welcome. Or you could practice the old St. Paul's tradition of contributing what you would spend on cards and stamps for the holidays for your church family to the fund, displaying a card on the church bulletin board instead for all to enjoy.

Please always lift our St. Paul's students and their families in prayer as they make these educational journeys.

## November Birthday List

1 - Gary Klemz,  
Cheryl McKay  
2 - Mike McCain  
5 - Molly Tyner  
7 - Paula Vergowven  
9 - Susan Servis  
11 - Willie Lass  
12 - David Diem  
13 - Paul Welch  
14 - Abigail Snow  
15 - Rose Marie Diem, Linda Spenoso  
17 - Marie Snow  
18 - Ann Nickel-Swinkey, Jeanne Woods  
20 - Elise Dinwoody, Hugo Roa-Garcia  
21 - Joseph Swinkey  
22 - Roland Hoffman, Theresa Rathbun  
23 - Victoria Loy  
24 - Jim Morr, Phillip Wood  
25 - Randy Lee  
26 - Denise Shugarman  
27 - Henry Paterson



## December Birthday List

1 - Rodger Dutton, Robert Servis  
2 - Scott Allen, Lindsay Weaver  
4 - Rick Reicherd, Jeff Weaver  
5 - Kyle Cooley  
6 - Carol Hartong, Debbie Lewis, Lynette Tyson  
7 - Mary Lou Zimmerman  
8 - Jannet Low  
11 - Tim Ingels  
13 - Caitlyn Nolff, Jane Vanbelle  
15 - Kate Benavente  
16 - Tom Myers  
17 - Robert Mort  
20 - Nancy Burkett, Christi LaRoy  
22 - Mike Brophy, Henry Dinwoody  
25 - Patsy Brown  
26 - Jan Hile  
28 - Laura Gladieux, Laura Reicherd  
30 - Joyce Collins

Did we miss someone?  
Please be sure to  
contact the office and  
let us know!

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

### **St. Paul's United Methodist Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Melodye Surgeon VanOudheusden
Director of Christian Education	Alisha Cooley
Director of Music	John C. Tyner
Director of Children's Choirs	Elise Dinwoody
Organist	Jay Jacobs
Office Personnel	Cathy Butson and Susan Myers
Treasurer	Jeanette Fedosky
Financial Secretary	Linda Spenoso
Custodial Staff	Kelly Leask, Dale Rathbun, Brian Metzger, Ron Ivey, John Fedosky, Alison Roa-Garcia
Nursery Staff	Audrey Cooley, Kaitlyn Volpi, Kylie Jacobs

# St. Paul's Church Family:

## Prayer concerns and other information

### **Remember in your prayers...**

St. Paul's has been praying for the following members over the past month for various reasons. Please continue to pray for them, that the Lord will give them what they need most right now...

Do you have a prayer request you'd like your church family to know about? Contact the church office so we can alert the Prayer Chain. If you'd like to be part of the prayer chain, let us know! (Please note: due to the confident nature of some prayer requests, **we always seek the permission of those the prayer request involves before we send it out in the prayer chain.** Thank you for your understanding).

Jan Hile and her family,  
Jane Drumm,  
Hank Green,  
Mary Anne and Duane Bair,  
Jim Rugila,  
Elaine Arting,

all those who are choosing to self-quarantine,  
those who are hurting and lonely,  
teachers and students who have gone back to school,  
either in person, virtually, or a combination of both.

Thank you to my church congregation, friends and family, near and far, who prayed, called, and sent cards during my recent health challenges. You don't know how meaningful your prayers are. Thank you - Duane Bair.

## A story of Citizenship

On September 1, 1966, 21 year old Pascale arrived in the United States of America from France with her husband, who was an American citizen.

On September 1, 2020, fifty-four years later, Pascale became a citizen of the United States of America. She believes that she is a citizen because of the length of time she has been in the USA. Now she will be able to do something that has always been on her "bucket list".

She received her voter's card from Washington D.C. in the mail and is looking forward to voting in this year's Presidential Election. She is happy because this is something she is passionate about, and has always wanted to do. Voting for the first time! She hopes to see her church family at the polls on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Pascale asked us to share her exciting news with her church family in this newsletter.

## November Worship Leaders

### Liturgists:

November 1st: Cathy Tyner  
November 8th: Denise Shugarman  
November 15th: Stephanie Metzger  
  
November 22nd: Ann Nickel-Swinkey  
November 29th: Randy Lee

### Acolytes:

November 1st: Alex Roa-Garcia  
November 8th: Joseph Dinwoody  
November 15th: Jack Benavente & Kate Benavente  
November 22nd: Marilyn Tyner & Harrison Tyner  
November 29th: Jimmy Maylen

# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<p>1 <u>All Saints Day</u></p> <p>9:30am-Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>5:30pm-Drive up Communion</p>	2	<p>3 <u>Election Day</u></p> <p>6:00pm - God-Works! Meal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym)</p>	5	6	7		
<p>8</p> <p>9:30am-Worship</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm - God-Works! Meal</p> <p>7:00pm - Worship Comm Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym)</p>	12	13	14		
<p>15 <u>Laity Sunday</u></p> <p>9:30am-Worship - Randy Lee preaching</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm-Outreach Comm</p> <p>6:00pm-God Works! Meal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym)</p>	19	20	21		
<p>22 <u>Stewardship Day</u></p> <p>9:30am-Worship</p> <p><b>** Hanging of the Greens - See Announcement on page 2**</b></p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm - God-Works! Meal</p>	<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p> 			26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p>	30							

