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and that website is
heritage.michiganumc.org.

From Pastor Melodye...

Walking out this morning to pick up my copy of The Monroe News, I spotted a cat. It is beautiful, tortoise colored, very thin, and very friendly. My husband and I saw this kitty last night, walking in our front yard. And now it (not sure of gender) is on the parsonage porch. Looking at me. Letting me pet it. And it stayed on the porch as I went in



to discuss the cat with my husband. And John, the animal whisperer that he is, brought the cat food and water. We saw an incredibly grateful cat gobble up food and take a few sips of the water. And then, walking over to the porch steps, the kitty made a place for itself in the morning sun.

Gratitude. It an amazing emotion, to both give and receive. G. K. Chesterton wrote that "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." Amid our mutual COVID-19 life, we experience so many emotions. Anxiety, anger, frustration, regret. This morning, though, watching a hungry little creature consume food, glancing at me with happiness while it ate, I wonder if we are missing this key gesture in our lives.

I am so grateful to many people here at St. Paul's in this crazy time:

- Those who have been patient with our attempts to create meaningful worship both on-line and in person.
- Those who have helped create these worship efforts, especially John Tyner, John VanOudheusden and Kyle and Alicia Cooley.
- Our office staff, especially Treasurer Jeanette Fedosky and Office Manager Cathy Butson, who have focused on keeping things going when we weren't sure how to do that!
- Those of you who continue to faithfully participate in St. Paul's ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

As I look out my front door, the cat is still there. We have posted on Facebook about it, and will see if someone comes to claim it. Who knows? John and I will make sure it is safe. But this sweet kitty reminds me again how grateful I am to be here as part of the St. Paul's family.

And I am grateful to God –and the Cabinet—for sending me here!

Blessings, Pastor Melodye

Holy Communion for all

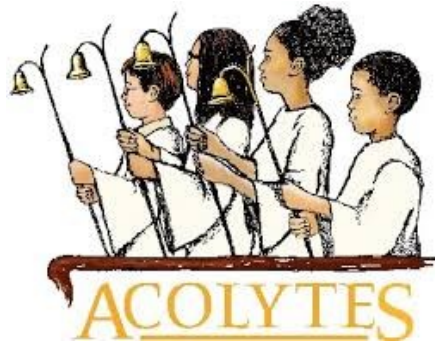
We offer Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month during our in person worship service at 9:30 AM. For those not yet comfortable worshipping in person, Communion will be offered in a different manner.

Pastor Melodye will be in the church parking lot at 5:30 PM on the same Sunday that Communion is given during worship. After you park, stay in the car, roll down your window, and Pastor will pray with you and offer you the consecrated bread and the juice in a safe manner. **This month we will offer communion on Sunday, October 4th.**



If you would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the church office and schedule an appointment. Pastor will come to visit you with Communion.

Student Support Care Packages : With this time of covid-19 induced anxiety and social isolation it is even more important to stay connected with our college students and members serving in the military. We are planning to send care packages to these members of our St. Paul's family. Donations to fill these boxes would be most appreciated! Individually wrapped items like hot chocolate mixes, teas, ramen noodles, granola bars, gum, candy, microwave popcorn, small packs of Kleenex, pencils, note pads, & chapstick, are always a big hit (please no liquids). If you would like to help, please have your donation to the church by **Tuesday, October 27, 2020**. A box will be in the entry way of the church for collection of your donations. **Please verify your student's or military person's address with the church office so they can be included.** Thank you for caring and sharing!



We're happy to have acolytes return to the worship services. We've made a few modifications to help keep everyone safe and healthy. For the time being, acolytes won't be sharing robes from week to week and they'll either serve alone or with a sibling to reduce the risk of transmission from family to family. Also, rather than processing from and recessing to the back of the church, our kids will start from and return to the front pew. Even with these changes, we hope you will be blessed by this representation of the light of Christ returning to our worship service.

October Birthday List

1 - Vern Barton
 4 - Todd Favreau
 6 - Mary Anne Bair
 9 - John Brown
 11 - Joseph Dinwoody, Kaleb Jacobs
 12 - Kathryn Short, Sophia Short
 14 - David Regelin
 15 - Elaine Arting, Tom Pabin
 16 - Jeanette Fedosky, Sophia Vergowven,
 Kelly Zawodni
 18 - Laurie Favreau, Mark Gladieux, Denise Monday
 19 - Hope Brophy
 21 - Linda Regelin
 22 - Ella Jones, Barbara
 Smith
 24 - Daniel Snow
 25 - Patty Siekierda,
 Sue Stanifer

**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

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

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

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| 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...

Mary Anne and Duane Bair, Laura Burchette, Jim Rugila, Elaine Arting, JoAnne Lynch, all those who are choosing to self-quarantine, those who are hurting and lonely, and for teachers and students who have gone back to school, either in person, virtually, or a combination of both.

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).

October Worship Leaders

Liturgists:

October 4th: Ann Nickel-Swinkey
 October 11th: Randy Lee
 October 18th: John VanOudheusden
 October 25th: Mary Kay Hamilton

Acolytes:

October 4th: Alex Roa-Garcia
 October 11th: Jimmy Maylen
 October 18th: Joseph Dinwoody
 October 25th: Kate Benavente & Jack Benavente

Altar Flowers



Don't forget to sign up for altar flower arrangements. They are only \$15 and can be taken home after Worship. If you are not attending in person, they can be left at church for the staff to enjoy during the week.

Recently we have only had one arrangement per week, but we can have two, so be sure to sign up on the bulletin board across from fellowship hall, or call the church office and we can sign you up!





October 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30am-Worship w/ Communion 10:30am-Book Study 5:30pm-Drive up Communion | 5 | 6 10:00am-Book Study at IHM Gazebo 6:00pm - God- Works! Meal | 7 6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym) | 8 | 9 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal | 10 3:00pm Wedding |
| 11 9:30am-Worship 10:30am-Book Study | 12 | 13 10:00am-Book Study at IHM Gazebo 6:00pm- Outreach Comm 6:00pm-God Works! Meal 7:00pm-Finance Committee | 14 6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym) | 15 | 16  | 17 |
| 18 9:30am-Worship | 19 | 20 6:00pm - God- Works! Meal | 21 6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym) 7:00pm-2020 St. Paul's Charge Conference via Zoom | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30am-Worship | 26 | 27 6:00pm - God- Works! Meal | 28 6:15pm-Praise Ringers (in gym) | 29 | 30 |  |