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New Format for The Slate

Undoubtedly you notice that this issue of the newsletter looks a little different. In an effort to keep our church members and friends up to date on the most current St. Paul's information, we are going to be publishing a **newsletter every month**.

We hope to save postage costs and trees by emailing the newsletter to most members. We will print the newsletter and have copies in multiple areas around the church for you to pick up during the month. We will continue to mail the newsletter to those who need it mailed.

We do need your help, though! Do you want to get the newsletter via email? If you do, then email the church at

stpaulsmonroe@sbcglobal.net so we can be sure we have your most up to date email address.

Do you want to get the newsletter in the mail? Then you must call the church office to let us know. **We will only be mailing newsletters to the people who have contacted us and asked us to keep mailing them.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office.



We thank you for your patience and support as we try to be sure we are keeping in touch and being good stewards.

Would you like to contribute?

If you would like to contribute to The Slate 2.0, please contact the church office. We want to keep our church family informed on what is happening in

the life of the church, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and more! Please have information to the office by the 20th of each month so there will be

time to add it to the upcoming edition. If you have more questions or suggestions, call the church office at 242-3000 and ask for Cathy!

*Serving the Living
Lord...*

*past, present,
and future.*



SPOTLIGHT ON....

Dorothy Hile



After 81 years at St. Paul's, Dorothy will say goodbye on December 4, to begin the next phase of her life journey, at the home of her son Dick and daughter-in-law Wendy, in Ann Arbor. Lovingly she reflects on her time spent here and with her family, saying, "What I will miss most is Sharon (Sharon Balk, her niece and also part of the St. Paul's congregation) and St. Paul's. I love my St. Paul's family and will miss them greatly."

Dorothy was born in Ida, Michigan, on January 3, 1923, so now approaches her 96th birthday. Her father was a lifelong farmer and her mother a stay-at-home wife and mother of eight children, six girls and two boys. When she was just two years old, the family moved from Ida to Patterson Dr. in Monroe, and she would attend Waterloo School for her elementary education. Because no high school was near the family home, her secondary education took place at Monroe High School, living with her sister Hazel. As a young child, she attended church with her family at the Evangelical United Brethren church, but came to St. Paul's with her sister, responded to "an altar call" and has been part of the St. Paul's family since she was 14 years old.

While in high school, she met and began dating her future husband, Ken Hile. He graduated a year earlier than Dorothy, went to service and was stationed in Ipswich, Massachusetts. They were married in 1943, and shortly thereafter he was transferred to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where, after a short time back in Monroe, she joined him.

They would eventually make their permanent home in Monroe, and raised their four children here. Kathy was the first child, then John, David and Richard.

After graduation from high school, Dorothy was recommended for a job at Monroe Auto Equipment and became an executive secretary there.

After returning to Monroe when Ken was discharged from the military, she was able to return to that position, where she stayed until she was expecting her first child, Kathy. It was not until Kathy was in the 11th grade that Dorothy went to work again; this time for Monroe Public Schools, as the secretary at Raisinville Elementary School. A tenure of over 20 years was spent there when she finally retired. Ken had already retired from his position at Time Container in Monroe, and it was then they began their extensive travels: they visited every state in the United States except North Dakota! Her husband passed away in 2003, just 3 months before their 60th wedding anniversary.

All Dorothy's siblings have passed away, but 18 nephews and nieces are part of her ever-growing family. She has 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 2 more coming in February!

She describes her hobbies, mainly as reading, but did a great deal of sewing when the children were young, and "made a lot of doll clothes!"

Her service at St. Paul's has been extensive! She has served on every committee of the church, except Finance, has chaired many, and devoted a great deal of time and energy to all the programs and activities.

Editor's Note: St. Paul's loses one of its best disciples at the moving of Dorothy Hile, and will grieve at her having to make the change. But we wish her well, thank her for her lengthy service to her church and to the Lord she has made the center of her life for all of her almost-96 years!

January 2019 - Effective Stewardship Applying Bible Principles

“ . . . if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away . . . everything has become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards “things.”

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an

open hand, and “refresh” others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works — our different attitude and perspective — and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matt. 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to “things,” especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?



Chrysalis & Emmaus

Greetings! The Chrysalis Flights and Emmaus Walks are quickly approaching! Please pray for those who God is calling to be on these Flights and Walks and for the teams as they begin training. What takes place on a Flight or Walk? You listen to talks given by lay people, youth, and clergy, spend time in discussion groups and fellowship with others, celebrate Holy Communion, spend time in worship and sing. You will need a sponsor to guide you through this journey and on your days after your Flight or Walk. If you have questions please see Paula Vergowven or you can also visit www.emsem.org How is God tugging at your heart?

Blessings, Paula Vergowven

<p>Girl's Chrysalis Flight February 15-17, 2019 Trinity UMC 1310 N. Main St. Lapeer, MI 48446</p>	<p>Boy's Chrysalis Flight March 1-3, 2019 Trinity UMC 1310 N. Main St. Lapeer, MI 48446</p>
<p>Men's Emmaus Walk March 14-17, 2019 Plymouth First UMC 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170</p>	<p>Women's Emmaus Walk March 21-24, 2019 Plymouth First UMC 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170</p>

St. Paul's United Methodist Women



Merry Christmas from United Methodist Women! United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

To recap 2018 we started off the year talking about spiritual disciplines, assembling centerpieces for the tables for salad luncheons and preparing cards for our elderly saints.

In September we invited Malinda Waltz from the UMW District Mission Team to speak on

social action and fair trade.

UMW ladies worked together to plan and serve salad luncheons in September, October, and November. From the salad luncheons we were able to give to local, national, and international missions including: Anti Human Trafficking Organization here in Monroe, Haiti Hot Lunch, Water for Life, Red Bird Christian School, New Beginnings Mercy House Ministries in Ida, and United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids.

Every other year UMW hosts a silent auction and this year our mission was to give to St. Paul's youth for the mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

During our June meetings we make cards to give to our elderly saints and from that we have created a card ministry.

Those that came to the meeting chose a name and were to send thinking of you, birthday, and holiday cards throughout the year to that person.

We enjoyed wonderful fellowship during our 7th Annual Advent Tea as we sang Christmas carols and listened to poems written by Tom Hegg, "A Cup of Christmas Tea" and "Memories of Christmas Tea", read by Pastor Christopher Butson. We are excited for what the next year will bring and would love to have you be a part of United Methodist Women!

Merry Christmas,
Paula Vergowven
UMW President

2019 UMW Reading Program:

The United Methodist Women have a reading program that suggests readings for the year in different categories. The 2019 reading list is now on their website: ww.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram.

We will list some of the books in the different categories here monthly, but please visit the website to see the other wonderful options suggested. Once you select a book you are taken to a page with a brief summary of the book as well as a link to where you can purchase the print or electronic version. We hope you will read along with us.

Education for Mission: *An Insiders Guide to Praying for the World*

Leadership Development: *Courage is Abundant in the Abstract: Take Your Dreams from Abstract to Reality*

Nurturing Community: *All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color*

Social Action: *"We are All Fast-Food Workers Now": The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages*

Spiritual Growth: *All Around Us*

St. Paul's January Worship Leaders

If you have volunteered as an Usher, Acolyte, or Liturgist, you'll want to keep this page of the newsletter handy! Below is a list of those scheduled to assist in Worship in January. Thank you for your service.

Sunday, January 6th

9:00am - Ushers: John Salisbury, Obie Green, Mike McCain, Jack Rayce, Jim Jacobs, Tom Myers

Acolytes: Sophia Nolff

Liturgist: Stephanie Metzger

11:00am -Ushers: Julie Balk, Julie Linn, Yvonne Gnaedinger

Acolytes: Cera Balk & Abigail Ivey

Liturgist: Cathy Tyner

Sunday, January 13th

9:00am - Ushers: John Salisbury, Obie Green, Mike McCain, Jack Rayce, Jim Jacobs, Tom Myers

Acolytes: Noah & Micaiah Ivey

Liturgist: Holli Weaver

11:00am -Ushers: Pascale Clevinger, Karen Zeestraten, Gordon Doster

Acolytes: Jenna Balk & Alex Roa-Garcia

Liturgist: Ken Jaynes

Sunday, January 20th

9:00am - Ushers: John Salisbury, Obie Green, Mike McCain, Jack Rayce, Jim Jacobs, Tom Myers

Acolytes: Abigail & Noah Ivey

Liturgist: Stephanie Metzger

11:00am- Ushers: Tom Paterson, Bob Paterson, Will Paterson, Jerry Spence

Acolytes: Kathryn & Sophia Short

Liturgist: Julie Balk

Sunday, January 27th - YOUTH SUNDAY

9:00am - Ushers: Youth

Acolytes: Alex Roa-Garcia

Liturgist: Youth

11:00am -Ushers: Youth

Acolytes: Cera Balk & Micaiah Ivey

Liturgist: Youth

Thank you again for volunteering to serve. If you would be interested in serving in these areas, or if you would like to be a greeter or lead in a children's message, we will gladly help you choose a Sunday and prepare for it! Call the church office at 734-242-3000!



Opportunities to Volunteer!

There are always lots of ways you can help out at St. Paul's ! If you'd like more information on the information below, please contact the church office at 734-242-3000.

***Acolyte Coordinator:** We need a volunteer to contact our acolytes each month and schedule them for the upcoming month. This person will also lead a once-a-year training session for new acolytes.

***Communion Stewards:** If you would like to assist Pastor Tracy on the Sundays we have Communion, you are in luck! We would like to add more people to the rotation and will happily train you on what to do.

***Club 2019:** Each year on the night of graduation there is an all night celebration held for Monroe High School Seniors. This has been headed by St. Paul's for 60+ years! If you would like to chair or co-chair that committee, we will get you in touch with previous leaders.

***Greeters:** Do you like to say hello to friendly faces? Then you are just who we are looking for! We need people to sign up to be greeters at the 9:00am or 11:00am Worship services. If you think this might be for you, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall.

January Birthday List

1st - Jason Nolff
 2nd - Charles VanBelle
 3rd - Dorothy Hile
 6th - Gary Doubler, Nancy Freud, Joan Sara
 8th - Cinda Doubler, Holly Thompson
 9th - Bill Burkett
 10th - Obie Green, Megan Pirlot, Brooke Shugarman
 12th - Wyatt Lambert
 15th - Sharon Balk
 18th - Ruth Curtis

19th - Judy Bodenmiller, Ellie Himebauch, Roger Spalding

20th - Julie Balk, William Huntley, Olivia Low

21st - Isabella Hunter

25th - George Stoner

26th - Kathy Heatherly

29th - Clayton Gaynier

30th - Duane Bair

31st - Emily Short



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

Blessed Through Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 is one of the most difficult passages in the Bible to obey: Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for what He has done. You may have many questions about prayer, including: what should we pray about,

or what is Intercessory Prayer? Here are some answers: Pray about what we see around us: brokenness, despair, injustice, crisis events, political figures, family struggles, the education system, etc. Intercessory prayer is prayer on behalf of others. While we may not have direct control over the issues we deal with, with God's help, we can

overcome and be grateful in the process. You are personally invited to **come and pray with us every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.** where we can seek answers to our prayer questions. Please come. If you have any questions, contact the office or Duane Bair.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed 6:00-God Works	2 7:30pm-Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 9:00am -Worship with Communion 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship with Communion 6:00pm-UMYF	7 7:00pm-Eve Circle at Church	8 12:00pm-Kiwanis Board Meeting 6:00pm-God Works 6:00pm-Outreach Committee Meeting 6:00pm-Worship Committee Meeting 6:00pm-Kiwanis Fundraising Meeting 7:00pm-Fiannce Meeting	9 12:00pm-Kiwanis 5:30pm-Youth Choir 6:00pm-Christ's Kids 6:15pm-Praise Ringers 7:30pm-Chancel Choir	10 10:00am-Sounds of Joy 7:00pm-Blessed Through Prayer	11	12
13 9:00am-Worship 10:00am-Sunday School 10:00am - Fellowship for Hank & Obie Green's Anniv. 11:00am-Worship 1:00pm-New Member Class 6:00-UMYF	14	15 6:00pm-God Works 6:00pm-Christian Education Meeting 7:00pm-Church Council Meeting	16 12:00pm-Kiwanis 5:30pm-Youth Choir 6:00pm-Christ's Kids 6:15pm-Praise Ringers 7:30pm-Chancel Choir	17 10:00am-Sounds of Joy 7:00pm-Blessed Through Prayer	18	19
20 9:00am-Worship 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 6:00-UMYF	21 7:00pm-Trustee Meeting	22 6:00pm-God Works	23 12:00pm-Kiwanis 5:30pm-Youth Choir 6:00pm-Christ's Kids 6:15pm-Praise Ringers 7:30pm-Chancel Choir	24 10:00am-Sounds of Joy 7:00pm-Blessed Through Prayer	25	26
27 Youth Sunday 9:00am-Worship 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am Worship	28	29 6:00pm-God Works	30 12:00pm-Kiwanis 6:00pm-Christ's Kids 6:15pm-Praise Ringers 7:30pm-Chancel Choir	31 10:00am-Sounds of Joy 7:00pm-Blessed Through Prayer		

Special January Events to Note:

Sunday, January 6th - Communion at both 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services

Monday, January 7th - last day of collections for Mitten Tree

Sunday, January 13th - New Member /UMC Refresher class at 1:00pm with Pastor Tracy

Sunday, January 27th - Youth Sunday at both 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services

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For more information on the United Methodist Church, please visit their website: www.umc.org.

More information on our Michigan UMC Conference can be found at: www.michiganumc.org.

We are part of the Heritage District of the Michigan UMC. Our district website is: www.heritage.michiganumc.org

St. Paul's Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tracy Huffman

Director of Christian Education: Alisha Cooley

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Director of Children's Choirs: Elise Dinwoody

Organist: Inger Oswald

Office Personnel: Cathy Butson & Susan Myers

Treasurer: Jeanette Fedosky

Financial Secretary: Peggy Plath

Custodial Staff: Dale Rathbun, Kelly Leask, Theresa

Rathbun, Brian Metzger, Duane Bair

Nursery Staff: Audrey Cooley, Jacob Gladieux ,

Ellie Himebauch



*Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.*

Lay Leadership in 2019

Each year the Lay Leadership Committee asks for people to serve a 3 year term on one of the many committees at St. Paul's. These people are then voted in at our annual Church Conference. There are a few new additions to our volunteers this year, as well as those who have graciously served before. Please hold these people, **along with all of the members of various church committees**, in your prayers over the next months. Much is asked of our people, and we appreciate so much those who have chosen to serve St. Paul's:

Randy Lee, Patty Siekierda, Mary Vergowven, Cheryl Brophy, Mary Kay Hamilton, Dan Hartong, Denise Shugartman, Kelly Leask, Tom Pabin, Fran Rayce, Mark Gladieux, Brad Reinhart, Jerry Sampsel, Yvonne Gnaedinger, Michelle Davis, Jennifer Benavente, Lisa Byers, Chris Kull, Susan Myers, Holli Weaver, Duane Bair, Rolland Hoffman, Taiya Himebauch, Susan Fleming, Sally Leask, Cathy Butson, Paula Vergowven, Joanne Lynch, Marie Snow, Kelly Skarbeck and Jenni Johnson.

Again, these are simply the newest additions to the members of the committees at St. Paul's. If you would like a full list of our committees and committee members, please contact the church office.

We are so appreciative of those who serve. May God bless us as a church, and you as a precious volunteer.

