

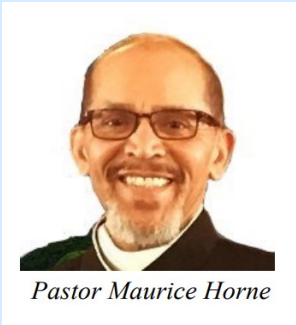


# “THE SPIRE”

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Maurice Horne

Happy Easter to Everyone!

Let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. “Jesus is Alive”.

There will be a drive-up celebration in the parking lot of the church from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Easter morning. Communion cups will be available so you can receive the elements of communion as you watch the Easter services online. If you need communion delivered

to you, call me at 248-791-7924 and I will bring a communion cup to you. If you are having difficulty or are unable to go online to watch the service, please, call our “Sermon by Phone” at 248-216-1657 and listen to the entire service without the need of the internet or a computer.

I will teach a 6-week Bible study every Wednesday at 6:00 pm beginning on April 7 and ending Wednesday May 12. Also, a New Member Class begins on Tuesday, April 13, and ends on April 20. I invite anyone who just recently joined St. Paul UMC, anyone who’s thinking about joining, or anyone who would like a refresher class on membership to attend. Both the bible study and new members class will be a joint class with First UMC of Hazel Park.

We just finished a 5-week Lenten class on Small Church Checkup to determine the health of the church. We now have to choose a path on how to once again become a healthy and vital congregation. A team will need to be created to begin this new process. I invite everyone to be a part of this team as we move forward into the future.

On Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm our Leadership Team will meet, and we will discuss what we need to do in order to move forward. We invite the entire congregation to come to the Leadership Meeting and to be a part of our Assessment Team as we begin new plans for the future.

Wednesday, March 21 is Administrative Professionals Day. This is the day that we honor and celebrate our Secretary, Irene Sanchez. She is very committed to her job, and we are so grateful and appreciative for all that she does. On this day we show our gratitude with cards, and gifts for Irene. Shower her with love on that day and let her know that we appreciate her.

Congratulations to Leslie Faraci for completing her advanced class to become a Certified Lay Servant on Sunday, March 28, 2021. Her name will go on a list of Certified Lay Servants who could be called upon to speak at any United Methodist Church whenever they need a pulpit supply.

Keep in your prayers our sick and shut in’s. Until next month, may God richly bless you.

Rev. Maurice Horne

## April 2021

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Call or email the office by the 15th of each Month  
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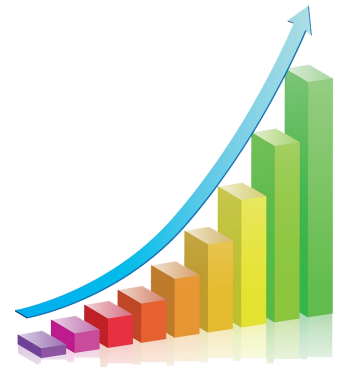
## FINANCIAL UPDATE

From Doug Sweeder—Finance Chair

St. Paul has applied to the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program's 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw Program authorized by congress in December of 2020. We have been approved and have received \$13,800 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw PPP program. This money is authorized to be spent on salaries for all of our employees and for Healthcare and pension for the pastor in 2021. If all goes as expected, we will be applying for Forgiveness for this money and it will become a grant.

This money will go a long ways toward balancing our budget, but we are not out-of-the-woods. Our regular renters are slowly re- turning, but with reduced group members. Our party (Fellowship Hall) rentals will most likely not restart until next year. We need each St. Paul family member to continue to support the ministries of St. Paul.

The Finance and Leadership teams are looking forward to the ef- forts by the entire church to redefine our vision and mission state- ments and forge a new path for St. Paul in this changing environ- ment.



I receive, and I am sure that all of you are receiving, fraudulent spam or phishing emails every day. These scammers are clever and ruthless. They use names such as Amazon, Norton or the latest news stories, such as stimulus checks or Covid-19 vaccine access to hook your attention and they use real logos and look legitimate. **They aren't.** Once you identify these types of emails, they can be coded and sent to spam in your email system for

easy deletion and will keep your "inbox" from becoming cluttered with these types of scam emails.

Signing up at [ftc.org](https://ftc.gov), Federal Trade Commission, daily email scam / fraud alerts has been very informative. Their emails inform you of the latest phishing, scam or fraudulent email scams going around the internet. They tell you what to do when you receive one and what not to do. They also tell you about their successful legal actions against companies perpetrating to these scams.

You can sign up for FTC's alerts at this site by pressing Control while your cursor is on this link. Then enter your email address and click submit.

You can also report fraudulent emails by going to this FTC site by pressing Control with your cursor on the link below.

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)





4/4 — Victor Lutes  
4/7 — Leslie Faraci  
4/10 — Aubreigh Schall  
4/10 — Marjorie Kumar  
4/21 — Brian Johns  
4/21 — Joyce McClelland  
4/28 — Kecia Brown  
4/28 — DeAria Hutchinson

Happy Birthday to all of our April birthday folks! May the year ahead bring you blessings, perfect health and all of your birthday wishes

## Prayer Requests

Cece Tamm's brother, Patrick and her brother-in-law, Steve Zemonian

### Also, please keep in prayer:

- Rev. Michelle Gentile
- Ruth Isca
- Bill Johns
- Dorothy Kelchner
- Helen Vaillencourt
- Chris Drouillard

*If you have prayer requests or would like to share a praise to God, contact Irene at the church office and we will get your request or praise known.*



## Simple Strawberry Trifle

### Ingredients

- 1 cup cold whole milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
- 8 cups cubed angel food cake
- 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

### Directions

- In a large bowl, beat the milk, sour cream, pudding mix and orange zest on low speed until thickened. Fold in whipped cream.
- Place half of the cake cubes in a 3-qt. glass bowl. Arrange a third of the strawberries around sides of bowl and over cake; top with half of the pudding mixture. Repeat layers once. Top with remaining berries. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.
- **Test Kitchen Tips:** To avoid squishing light-as-air angel food cake, freeze it overnight, then cut it with a serrated knife, using a back-and-forth motion.



# Now Hear This

## *How Wonderful!*

Congratulations to our own Leslie Faraci for completing her advanced class to become a Certified Lay Servant. Her name will now appear on a list of Certified Lay Servants who could be called upon to speak at any United Methodist Church.



## *Virtual Class Schedule:*

- ◆ Pastor Horne will be hosting a virtual new member class this month. This class will be joint with Hazel Park First UMC. This two week class will begin Tuesday, April 13 and will be held again on April 20 at 6:00pm. It is a good class for those who are looking to join the church and for those who are looking to refresh their membership commitment. Contact Pastor Horne (Pastorhorne55@gmail.com) or the church office to reserve your space in the class.
- ◆ Also, join Pastor Horne for Bible Study beginning on , Wednesday, April 14. This course will run until May 12 on Zoom and will cover 2 Thessalonians, Paul's letters before his imprisonment . If you are interested in receiving an invitation, contact Pastor Horne (Pastorhorne@gmail.com) or the church office to get on the list to receive the link.

## *Thursday Virtual Coffee Hour on GotoMeeting*

A time of fellowship on Thursdays at 10:00am is on-going. If you miss connecting with St. Paul family and friends, this is the place for you! Watch your email for the GoToMeeting invitation, log in and join the conversation. If you're not receiving the email, simply telephone the church office (248-338-8233) and Irene will see you are added to the mailing. For more information or to join the fun, contact Marjorie Kumar at zoroku-mar1@aol.com.



## *Life Line Screening is coming soon!*

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Friday, May 21, 2021. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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4 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	5	6 <b>National Library Worker's Day</b>	7 6 pm Virtual Bible Study	8 <b>National Zoo Lovers Day</b>	9	10 <b>National Siblings Day</b>
11 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	12	13 6 pm Zoom New Member Class	14 6 pm Virtual Bible Study	15 	16 <b>National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day</b>	17
18 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	19	20 6 pm Zoom New Member Class 7 pm Leadership	21 6 pm Virtual Bible Study	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 	23 <b>National Talk Like Shakespeare Day</b>	24
25 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	26 <b>National Audubon Day</b> 	27	28 6 pm Virtual Bible Study	29	30 <b>National Arbor Day</b>	

You can hear Rev. Horne's messages by going to . . . [spumc.net](http://spumc.net)

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